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Jobless in EEC hit 10m

BRUSSELS, Jan. 22 (AP) — Unemployment in the 10 countries was unemployed, up from 8.8 percent the month before. They also showed there were 2 million more people without jobs at the end of 1981 than there were at the beginning of the year. The statistics deepened the gloomy outlook for recession-stricken Europe, where unemployment has risen steadily since the beginning of 1980; after several years, averaging around the six percent level.

The figures from West Germany were the most dismal. Unemployment there leaped from 5.7 percent of the workforce in November to 6.5 percent in December, a jump representing 200,000 fewer workers with jobs.

In none of the countries did the job picture improve, although France with 8.9 percent unemployed, Italy with 9.6 percent and Britain with 11.3 percent had the same rate in December as in November.

Elsewhere, the picture worsened. The Netherlands' rate went from 8.5 to 9.1 percent. The rate in Luxembourg, the richest country in the Common Market rose from 1.2 to 1.3 percent. Ireland's rate jumped from 10.9 to 11.5 percent, Denmark's from 9 to 9.5 percent, Greece's from 1.3 to 1.8 percent. Belgium's rate, already the worst in the trade bloc, rose from 12.8 to 12.9 percent.

The figures, issued by the Common Market statistical office, represented the worst record since the bloc was formed in 1958 and the worst average for the 10 countries as individuals since the end of the war. The report said, "These increases clearly show the traditional winter downturn." But it added: "They also confirmed the major deterioration of the job market over a number of months."

For years, Common Market unemployment hovered around the four percent level, with West Germany and its robust economy providing work for all but about two percent of its people. In the mid-1970s, however, the yearly average unemployment rate started rising and hasn't turned downward since. It was 4.2 percent in 1975 and in succeeding years kept going up with yearly figures of 4.8 percent, 5.2 percent, two years at 5.4 percent. It was six percent in 1980 and according to the figures released Friday, it was 7.9 percent in 1981.

Thatcher lauds decision Fairbairn quits over rape case handling

LONDON, Jan. 22 (AP) — The solicitor-general for Scotland resigned Thursday after he was rebuked by the prime minister and jeered in the House of Commons over the handling of a rape case that has aroused anger and alarm throughout Britain.

Nicholas Fairbairn, 48, government legal officer for Scotland, told the Commons he was reprimanded by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher for talking to the press before making an official statement on the controversial case. He was explaining why state prosecutors failed to bring to trial three teen-aged suspects — one of whom allegedly confessed to police — charged with raping a young Glasgow mother and slashing her with a razor blade. The woman, who required 168 stitches, has denied official claims that she was unwilling to take the witness stand.

In his letter of resignation, made public by Mrs. Thatcher's office after the two met at her official residence, no. 10 Downing Street, Fairbairn said he remained "entirely satisfied" with the way the rape case had been handled. But he admitted he personally had committed "errors of judgment" in speaking to the press before parliament. "In the circumstances, I have decided that I ought no longer to remain in office," the letter said.

The resignation was accepted by Mrs. Thatcher, who in an answering letter called it a "responsible decision."

Four weeks ago, Fairbairn became the center of controversy when British newspapers reported a House of Commons secretary had tried to hang herself from a lamppost outside his London home when their relationship broke up.

Fairbairn refused to confirm or deny the reports. The woman, Pamela Milne, 35, later said she had tried to kill herself with a drug overdose, but not by hanging. Fairbairn, who holds the hereditary title of Baron of Fordell, was divorced two years ago from his wife of 17 years, Elizabeth Mary Mackay, by whom he had three daughters.

As the row erupted in the Commons, a top criminal judge in Scotland, Lord Wheatley, the Lord Justice-Clerk, rejected appeals from two rapists convicted in another case and declared: "The sooner it becomes realized that people who indulge in this form of criminal activity will be faced with long and severe sentences, perhaps the sooner the streets and houses will be safer to live in."

His tough stance coincided with guidelines issued last week by England's Lord Chief Justice Lord Lane who said rapists should be jailed except in wholly exceptional circumstances.

Mrs. Thatcher, a mother of two, endorsed Lord Lane's view and Home Secretary William Whitelaw said Wednesday that the law will be tightened to curb judges' discretionary powers. Rape has been front-page news in Britain since a Jan. 4 decision in Ipswich Crown Court in which a judge let off a confessed offender with a \$3,800 fine instead of a jail term, ruling that the young victim had shown "contributory negligence" by hitching a ride home from a late-night party.

Opposition Labor members jeered Fairbairn Thursday — and called for his resignation — when the solicitor-general explained that the youths in the Glasgow case were not prosecuted because a psychiatric report indicated the victim might commit suicide if she had to testify.

Fairbairn refused to confirm press reports that police had not only a confession, but an eyewitness and forensic evidence. Labor member of parliament Jo Richardson said she thought the case gave "a license to rapists to rape and cut up their victims because they may then get off scot-free."

The opposition party called for a "full judicial inquiry" into the decision not to prosecute.

No official comment from Amman Syria claims border violation by Jordan

DAMASCUS, Jan. 22 (AP) — Gunmen protected by Jordanian Army fire slipped across the southern Syrian border and killed two Syrian soldiers in an attack on a Syrian Army patrol, a government spokesman claimed Friday.

There was no immediate response to the allegation from Jordan, which is Syria's southern neighbor. The two countries massed troops on their borders in November of 1980 and threatened to go to war until Saudi Arabia stepped in to relax the tensions through diplomatic mediation.

The Syrian Interior Ministry said, "Armed men have infiltrated from the Jordanian territories into Syria, and ambushed a Syrian military patrol inside Syrian territory."

The commander and one soldier in the patrol died, the spokesman said.

The spokesman put the attack at 1330 local time (1130 GMT) Thursday, but gave no explanation for why the announcement was delayed by more than 24 hours. "The armed men withdrew back inside Jordanian territory under the cover of the fire of the Jordanian armed forces," the spokesman claimed. He placed the incident near the Syrian village of Kseir, located near the southern Syrian city of Der'a on the main north-south road linking Syria's capital, Damascus, and Amman, the capital of Jordan. The spokesman did not identify the attackers as Jordanian soldiers "but blamed the incident on Jordanian authorities." "We hold the Jordanian government responsible," he said.

Only last week, the Jordanian government accused "Syrian intelligence" of being behind a series of alleged bombings in Amman. A government statement said the targets of the bombings were mainly on certain stores "in order to direct the accusations against some Islamic groups in the country," a reference to the Muslim Brotherhood. Syria did not respond to the allegation despite an official Jordanian protest.

Madrid, Jan. 22 (R) — King Juan Carlos said Friday that Spain was becoming active in the movement to unify Europe but would not forsake its traditional ties with Latin America and the Arab countries in the process.

"Spain is beginning to become an active agent for the idea of a unified Europe," he told the Madrid diplomatic corps at his annual reception for them. "In becoming again more universal, (Spain) will also become more Hispano-American. Something similar could be said about our natural commitments to the Mediterranean and Arab peoples."

Spain, which has applied to join NATO and the European Economic Community (EEC), is emerging from the diplomatic isolation of the 40-year rule of Gen. Franco, who died in 1975. It is expected to enter NATO within a year. Spain's applications to NATO and the EEC have been watched with circumspection by the Latin American and Arab worlds.

Seats row dips SDP-Liberal hold

LONDON, Jan. 22 (AP) — Support for Britain's centrist political alliance between the Social Democrats and Liberals has slumped from 50.5 percent in December to 39.5 percent, according to a Gallup poll published Friday.

In the interim, the alliance formed last summer became strained when the two parties argued publicly over which seats they will contest in the next general election, due by May 1984. The long-established Liberal Party is reluctant to stand aside for new SDP candidates in districts they have contested tooth-and-nail in the past.

Liberal leader David Steel, and the four SDP co-leaders Roy Jenkins, Shirley Williams, William Rodgers and David Owen are trying to patch up their differences. The poll taken last week for the London Daily Telegraph asked voters which party they would support in an election.

In December, the SDP led all parties with 36 percent and the Liberals had 14.5 percent — together they commanded the support of half the country.

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'Zia wants male diplomats to wed'

ISLAMABAD, Jan. 22 (R) — Male Pakistani diplomats must marry before taking up a foreign posting, according to a newspaper report here Friday.

A front-page story in the newspaper *Muslim* said President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq laid down the rule recently after receiving reports that young bachelor diplomats were living beyond their means. Senior government sources said they were unaware of a written rule regarding bachelors but there might have been verbal suggestions to bachelor diplomats that they should get married.

The *Muslim* did not mention unmarried Pakistani women diplomats.

Chun makes fresh Korea unity offer

SEOUL, Jan. 22 (Agencies) — President Chun Doo-hwan called Friday for adoption of a constitution for a unified Korea, declaring it would be the most reasonable way to a peaceful rejoining of the divided peninsula. His proposals included plans for elections covering both the South and the North.

In a policy statement before a special session of the national assembly, the South Korean president said his government is prepared to move quickly to put such a program in motion. He urged North Korea to "expeditiously accept" the plan. Chun noted that on Jan. 12, 1981, he had proposed a face-to-face meeting with North Korean President Kim Il-Sung to take up the unification issue, and that last June 5 he had reiterated the proposal for a summit meeting. "I want to make it clear that every possible effort has been made, and will continue to be made, by the Republic of Korea government to realize these proposals," Chun said.

"At the same time, I would like to make use of this occasion to disclose a new peaceful unification formula that was originally prepared in anticipation of a South-North summit meeting."

North Korea has responded negatively to the earlier proposals, pushing instead its own plan for a confederation of the North and South that the Seoul government charges is aimed at communization of the entire peninsula. Korea was divided at the 38th Parallel at the end of World War II, and along a similar demilitarized zone with the armistice that ended the 1950-53 Korean war. All efforts toward unification since have been futile.

As a practical arrangement leading to unification, President Chun proposed that the two sides conclude a provisional agreement on basic relations between South and North Korea.

Presenting the detailed plan before the assembly, Chun said he was doing so "with a view to providing the North Korean authorities and the rest of the world with an opportunity to comprehend our genuine intent. It is my conviction that the most reasonable way to peaceful unification is to adopt a constitution of a unified Korea, testifying to the commitment of the entire people to unification... and to then establish a unified state on the terms and conditions laid down in the constitution," he said.

In order to have a constitution adopted, he proposed that the South and North organize a Consultative Conference for National Reunification (CCNR) and authorize it to draft such a document. "I would further suggest that, when such a draft constitution is drawn up, the two sides make it into law through free, democratic referendums held throughout the whole peninsula," Chun said.

"The unification of the country can then be accomplished by organizing a unified legislature and establishing a unified government through a general election held under the constitution of the unified Korea."

"It is my understanding that such issues as the political ideology, the name of the country, the basic domestic and foreign policy directions, the form of government and the methods and dates of the general elections for a unified legislature will have to be discussed and agreed on in the CCNR in the course of drafting the constitution. It is our intention to present our own draft of a constitution for a unified country to the CCNR. If North Korea genuinely desires an independent and peaceful unification, it will also have to present a draft constitution for a unified country before the CCNR so that the two versions can be studied and forged into a single draft," Chun added.

"It is essential to promote confidence and trust between the South and the North and steadfastly eliminate from national life all impediments to unification to facilitate the historic drafting of a unified constitution. Accordingly, the unnatural relations between the South and the North which have resulted in self-inflicted injuries must be brought to an end and replaced by normal contacts that promote the national well-being."

"To achieve this end, I hope that the South and the North will first normalize relations and, within the framework of these normalized relations, take concrete steps to bring about national reconciliation. I therefore propose, as a practical arrangement: leading to unification the conclusion of a provisional agreement on basic relations between South and North Korea featuring the following provisions:

1. Relations between South and North Korea be based on the principle of equality and reciprocity pending unification.
2. The two sides abandon all forms of military force and violence as a means of settling issues, and seek solutions to all problems through dialogue and negotiations.
3. South and North Korea recognize each other's existing political order and social institutions and do not interfere in each other's internal affairs in any way.
4. The two sides maintain the existing regime of armistice in force while working out measures to end the arms race and military confrontation in order to ease tension and prevent war.
5. The two sides progressively open their societies to each other, through exchanges and free travel including the reunion of separated families between the two divided parts of the country.
6. Until unification is achieved, both parties should respect each other's bilateral and multilateral treaties and agreements with third countries, and consult with each other on issues affecting the interests of the Korean people as a whole.
7. South and North Korea should each appoint a plenipotentiary envoy with the rank of cabinet minister to head a resident liaison mission to each other's capitals — Seoul and Pyongyang."



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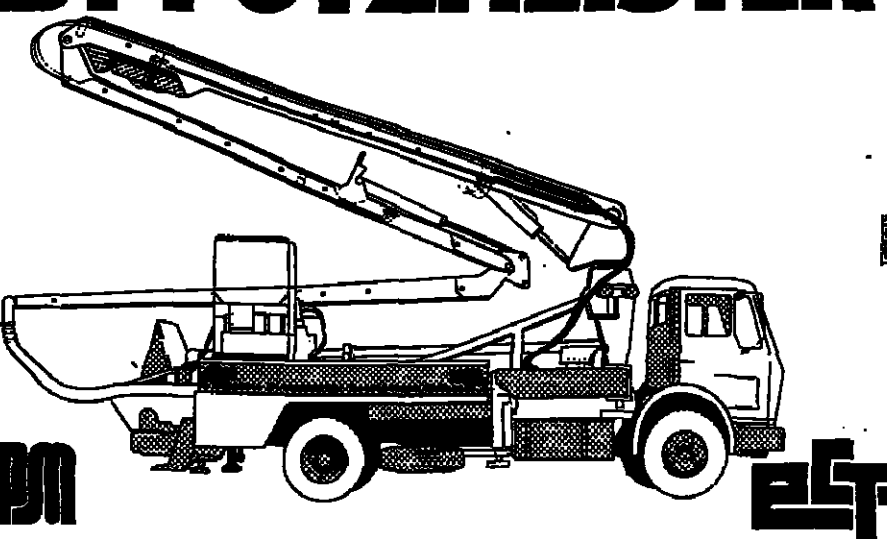
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Disneyland enterprises projected in three regions

JEDDAH, Jan. 22 — A private company plans to build amusement parks and complexes along the lines of the famous American Disneyland in California and Florida, which may cost up to SR6 billion, according to *Al-Jazirah* newspaper Thursday.

The newspaper quoted Sheikh Saleh Abdullah Kamel, a well known businessman, as saying that the complexes will be built in the Central, Eastern and Western regions. They will be elaborate affairs with a large variety of amusement services.

The company, which will undertake the enterprises will be made up of shareholders. It will have a capital of SR2 billion of which 70 percent will be put out for public subscription. The founders will reserve the balance.

In Jeddah, the park will be built along the Red Sea Coast in an area of nearly 10 million square meters and will have yacht and boat quays, restaurants, hotels and exhibition centers for international shows. In Riyadh it will also cover a similar area while that of the Eastern Region will be located in a hilly area with a valley on a five-million square-meter site.

Sheikh Kamel said other commercial enterprises in the office include car servicing and gas stations on the highways and expressways, distribution of electricity, and telephone bills, and delivery of milk and other daily essentials.

Aba Al-Khail returns

\$1b credit extended to Austria

RIYADH, Jan. 22 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia has so far extended \$1 billion in credit to Austria, according to official sources. This was revealed during the recent trip to Vienna by the Finance and National Economy Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail who returned here Thursday night.

In Vienna, Aba Al-Khail had talks with the Chancellor Bruno Kreisky and the Economy Minister Dr. Erwin Salcher for further cooperation. The finance ministers agreed to expand the areas of joint venture projects and fixed the program of cooperation this year.

When Kreisky visited the Kingdom last May, he said he would strive to further expand the areas of economic cooperation by offering greater Austrian involvement in local projects specially since Austria's trade with the Kingdom runs at a deficit of nearly SR1 billion a year. In 1980, Austria exported SR200 million of goods and imported over SR1 billion worth of crude oil.



Aba Al-Khail

At the same time, 25 Austrian companies handle more than SR1 billion worth of contracts either independently or in joint venture with local companies. Their prize contract is the Jubail steel rolling mills.

Nepalese group to promote trade

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Jan. 22 — A Nepalese trade delegation arrived here Friday on a three-day visit to explore chances for greater trade with the Kingdom.

Led by Commerce Deputy Minister Shankar Malla, the delegation has lined up a number of interviews with government officials and businessmen to brief them on the export potential of their Himalayan kingdom. These include foodstuffs, handicrafts, carpets, rare wool and other items.

Malla told *Arab News* that the already

excellent political relations between the two Kingdoms will be further strengthened by such visits and increased trade exchanges.

Last month, a Nepalese delegation signed an agreement with the Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources to buy 140,000 tons of crude oil a year. The oil will be shipped to an Indian port where it will be refined before being transported to the landlocked Kingdom of Nepal.

Ibn Jiluwi tours PTT's projects in E. Province

DAMMAM, Jan. 22 (SPA) — Governor of Eastern Province Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jiluwi inspected some projects of the Ministry of Posts, Telegraph and Telephones here Thursday.

The governor, who was accompanied by Abdullah Al-Abbad, regional director of Saudi Telephone, and several other officials, visited the wireless and communications center. It consists of a subscribers' section, an administrative complex, a recreation center of the telephone personnel, some other departments, besides residential areas, installation and maintenance centers and the wireless section.

The tour was organized in the context of the governor's visit to inspect the work progress at different projects under construction in the urban and rural areas of the province.

Meanwhile, a statistical report released recently by Saudi Telephone indicates that during the first week of 1982, 6,768 telephone lines implemented across the Kingdom to set a one-week installation record.

In addition, the 2,997 working telephones installed by Riyadh district during the same week surpassed the previous best for telephone additions in a single district. Previous records were: 5,968 in the Kingdom-the week of Oct. 10, 1981, and 2,558 in Jeddah district the same week. Riyadh district's previous best was 1,737 installations during the week of March 19, 1981. By the end of 1981, working lines across the Kingdom stood at more than 560,000.

During the year 1401 H (which ended Oct. 27, 1981), about 200,000 working lines were added to the Kingdom's network under the ambitious expansion program. The figure represents a 60 percent increase of the telephone lines which existed before that period.

Saudi mission concludes Tokyo visit

Tokyo Bureau

TOKYO, Jan. 22 — A Saudi Arabian goodwill mission, led by Ahmad Al-Mubarak of the foreign ministry, left Tokyo for Taipei and South Asia Friday.

The mission has attended the ground breaking ceremony of the Japan Islamic Center's new building here. The six-story building accommodates lecture halls, class rooms for teaching children and adults the Holy Quran, Sunnah and Arabic language in addition to a library.

Mubarak stressed in a statement to *Arab News* that Muslims in Japan should learn the hard and collective work to advance in sciences and technology while, at the same time, demonstrate the noble way of life in Islam.

Swede inspects Taif road works

TAIF, Jan. 22 (SPA) — Swedish Minister of Transport and Communications Klaus Almstead arrived here from Abha Friday as part of his current tour of the country. While here will inspect the many roads and bridges in the city and surrounding areas. He also will visit similar projects in Jeddah and Yanbu.

In Abha, in the Southern Region, Almstead and his delegation acquainted themselves with the progress and development in the area and its natural attractions. Almstead arrived here last week at the invitation of his counterpart here Sheikh Hussein Mansouri.

The mission, which included Dr. Muhammad Omar Jamjoom of King Abdul Aziz University, Muhammad Mahmoud Hafiz of the Muslim World League and others, also has visited several cities in Japan.

Meanwhile, the recently-established Council of Mosques in Japan decided to expedite the rebuilding of the Tokyo mosque which was built in 1933. The council met under the chairmanship of Anwar Apanai Thursday.

The mosque's building, which withstood several earthquakes and bombing during the World War II, has been declared "dangerously weak" by the metropolitan government of Tokyo.

The Japan Council of Mosques was formed earlier this month when Dr. Ali Mukhtar of the Muslim World League visited Tokyo. Chaired by Apanai, the council includes Ali Hassan Sami and Fuad Debs as vice-chairmen and Dr. Abdul Karim Saito as secretary general.

British team arrives

JEDDAH, Jan. 22 (SPA) — A 19-member British trade delegation comprising representatives from industrial, engineering, building and investment companies arrived here Friday on a 15-day tour of Jeddah, Riyadh and the Eastern Province.

The delegation will hold talks with officials and businessmen on various aspects of cooperation between Saudi Arabia and Britain in the spheres represented by its members.

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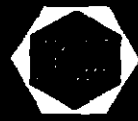
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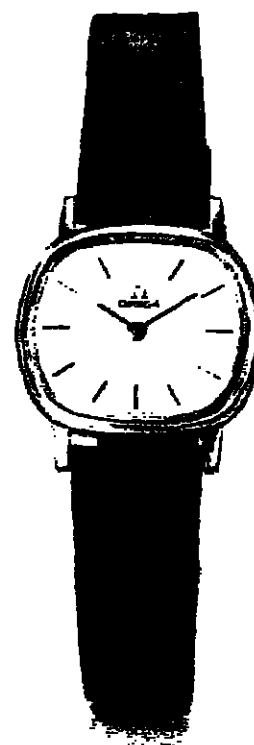
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Firm lands SR1.26b contract for electricity

JEDDAH, Jan. 22 — Switzerland's Brown Boveri (BBC) will add another 900 megawatts of electricity to the country's power generation capacity under a SR1.26 billion contract awarded to it recently, according to *Saudi Business* Saturday. The company has already provided the Kingdom with 2,600 megawatts.

The contract for what is being billed as the world's largest gas-fired power station was awarded for the Saudi Consolidated Electric Company for the Central Region. The plant will be built on a 550,000-square-meter site, 15 kilometers from Riyadh in the Al-Uraija area. It will have the capability of running on crude oil.

According to Salem Jilani, Jeddah branch manager, BBC is the only company in the

world that produces gas turbines that can run on crude. The gas-driven turbine with a crude capability has a technological superiority that is widely accepted in the Kingdom.

The turnkey operations supplied by BBC represents 25 percent of the total installed power generation capacity of the country, Jilani said. Upon completion of the ongoing projects the company's share of the market will rise to 35 percent.

BBC has recently diversified its involvement with a poultry-raising farm in Dabban, outside Jeddah. The project is spread over 11 kilometers and will eventually cost SR100 million. It incorporates solar energy air conditioning and a desalination plant which will produce 20,000 cubic meters of water per day.

PhD awarded on Riyadh progress

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Jan. 22 — A committee of leading French professors in urban planning awarded a doctorate to a man who presented a thesis dealing with the development of Riyadh. The thesis, discussed in Paris Wednesday, was presented by Adeb Fares.

Saudi Arabian Ambassador to France Sheikh Jameel Al-Hegelan and Riyadh Mayor Abdullah Al-Nuaim attended the three-hour discussion of the thesis entitled 'Riyadh — a stride toward progress in the Arabian desert.' It was an evaluation report of the techniques of urban planning and also

tackled the possibility of establishing an electronic information center in this regard.

The six-member committee, after the discussions, decided to award the degree with distinction, according to *Al-Jazirah* Friday.

Mayor Nuaim reviewed Riyadh's large expansion in such a short time with a limited number of engineers and planners. He asked the committee to compare Riyadh's development with that of other cities to which the members unanimously agreed was a unique cultural phenomenon. Nuaim attributed this success to the attention given by the Kingdom's government to urban development.

Kingdom set to boost sulphur export

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Jan. 22 — The U.S. firm, Devco Overseas Co., Oklahoma, and Saudi Arabia's Petromin have launched a \$300 million project to process and market sulphur from the Kingdom's vast supply of natural gas. The export of sulphur is expected to grow rapidly and rank only next to oil and gas, according to *Saudi Business* Saturday.

The project is located in Shadum about 50 kilometers away from Abqaiq which holds the largest oil reservoirs — the Ghawar oil fields.

Devco Overseas President Frank Muller is highly optimistic of the joint venture. He said

Saudi Arabia is ideally located. "All ships to the Arabian Gulf are inbound full, but leave empty," he said. "So a lot of market we will be going through will be very conducive to attractive shipping rates for the price the sulphur will be sold for."

"He envisages demand for sulphur from India, Tunisia, Thailand, Morocco, Jordan, Italy, Greece and Pakistan. He said the price of sulphur has shot up significantly. In 1972, it sold for \$25 a ton, now its price is around \$125 a ton."

Muller also praised the Kingdom's highways which he termed as finest in the world. The ports too are well maintained and as such would facilitate exports, he said.

Pakistan team to tap local market

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Jan. 22 — A Pakistani sales mission is due to arrive in the Kingdom Jan. 31 on a 10-day visit to explore prospects of increasing exports, according to an embassy press release Friday.

The mission is sponsored by the state-controlled Export Promotion Bureau of Pakistan in a bid to diversify export outlets for the country's surplus merchandise. The nine-member delegation is led by G.R.

Arshad, a leading Pakistani industrialist and head of the Saudi-Pakistan Trade Committee of the Federation of Pakistan's Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

The group, the largest businessmen's delegation to visit the Kingdom, is on a tour which includes Jordan and some Gulf states. It will hold talks with officials of the government, chambers of commerce and industry and prominent businessmen in Jeddah, Riyadh, Alkhobar, Dammam, Dhahran, Makkah and Madinah.

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Arab ministers meet on Golan issue Sunday

TUNIS, Jan. 22 (AP) — Foreign ministers from Arab League countries will meet in special session here Sunday to discuss what action should be taken following Israel's annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights. Arab League sources said Friday.

The meeting, called by Syria, originally was scheduled for Dec. 27, but was postponed until after the U.N. Security Council had concluded its debate on the subject.

A resolution submitted to the Security Council by Jordan, asking member countries to consider the possibility of taking sanctions against Israel, received the required number

of votes for approval Wednesday, but was vetoed by the United States.

In a dispatch from Tunis where the Arab League is headquartered, the Qatar news agency said Arab League Secretary General Chadli Klibi had been in contact since Thursday night with the 22-member league foreign ministers to ensure that they will attend personally "in view of the gravity of the situation after the failure of the U.N. Security Council" to impose sanctions against the Zionist entity because of the American veto.

Mubarak opposes attack on Israel

TEL AVIV, Jan. 22 (AP) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, in a newspaper interview published Friday, says he would advise Syria against launching a military attack on Israel and try to convince Damascus to join Mideast peace talks.

Asked how he would reply if Syria conferred with him prior to mounting an attack, Mubarak was quoted as saying: "I would ask them why they're interested in starting a war, where will a war lead them?"

"We are not ready to go to war again."

Soviets seek better ties with Egypt

MOSCOW Jan. 22 (AP) — Soviet Premier Nikolai Tikhonov has sent a message to Egypt's new prime minister, urging improved relations between the two once friendly countries. The Soviet News Agency Tass reported Friday.

Tass said the message Tikhonov sent to Ahmad Fuad Mohieddin expressed the wish that "your activities in this responsible post will promote normalization and development of Soviet-Egyptian relations."

Mubarak told the *Yedioth Ahronoth* newspaper. "We tried the military way many times, and it didn't lead us to anything," said Mubarak. "In the entire world, wars never led to true peace."

Mubarak told the paper he would make his first visit to Israel in either the last week of February or the first week of March, and said he was sure Israel would complete its withdrawal from the Sinai desert in April as required in the two countries' peace treaty.

His message echoed one that Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev sent to Hosni Mubarak after his election as president of Egypt last October. Mubarak took over after the assassination of President Anwar Sadat, who had moved away from Moscow and toward Washington throughout the 1970s.

In 1972, Sadat ordered 17,000 Soviet troops out of Egypt. In 1976, he abrogated the Soviet-Egyptian friendship treaty.

Libya, Algeria agree on unity plan

BEIRUT, Jan. 22 (AP) — Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi has announced that he and Algerian President Chadli Benjedid had agreed on a unity plan to join the two countries, the Gulf News Agency reported.

Qaddafi said the merger would take place without affecting the political systems in the two countries. He said a joint meeting between the Libyan General People's Committee (cabinet) and the Algerian Ministerial Council would take place in Algeria next month in preparation for the final merging of the two countries.

Qaddafi said a similar meeting will be held in March in Libya between the two countries' parliamentary bodies as preparatory steps toward the unity. The Gulf News Agency quoted Qaddafi making a speech in Algiers to the central committee of the Algerian Liberation Front — Algeria's main political party on Thursday.

Qaddafi who arrived in Algiers on Monday in a surprise visit, added that various organizations from the two countries would meet with one another over the next few months to discuss the unity plan. He gave no other details.

Qaddafi had earlier renewed his call for the creation of a united Arab state made up of Syria, Algeria and Libya to confront Israel.

30,000 people detained in Iran jails, Rajavi says

BEIRUT, Jan. 22 (AP) — The leader of the main Iranian opposition group said Friday up to 30,000 political prisoners are jailed in Iran.

The Paris office of Massoud Rajavi, exiled leader of the Mujahedeen Khalq guerrilla organization told the Associated Press office in Beirut by telephone, that contrary to the claims made by Iran's religious judge on Tuesday, "There are more than 25,000 to 30,000 people in jail all over Iran... and the Mujahedeen Khalq organization makes up the majority of them."

The Rajavi spokesman, who asked not to be named, said "at least eight thousand political prisoners" were currently held in Tehran's Evin prison alone.

Hojatoleslam Muhammad Gilani told a news conference in Tehran Tuesday between 3,000 and 4,000 political prisoners were in Iranian jails.

The Rajavi spokesman said between 65 to 80 inmates are confined to every cell which

should not take more than seven prisoners, according to international standards. He said the prisoners, thus, are forced to take turns to sleep, three shifts every 24 hours.

The spokesman appealed to all human rights organizations and the secretary general of the United Nations as well as Amnesty International to try to inspect Iranian prison cells, where he also claimed inmates were being "barbarously tortured."

Tortures, he claimed, included starvation, electric shocks, burning, execution in the presence of other prisoners, blindfolding for long periods of time and lashing with electric wires.

The Mujahedeen Khalq leads an urban guerrilla war to overthrow the nearly three-year-old regime of Ayatollah Khomeini and has paid the highest price in the ongoing government crackdown of opposition. The organization is allied with former President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr who was fired by Khomeini last June. Bani-Sadr and Rajavi fled together to Paris last July.

BRIEFS

TEL AVIV, (AP) — A military court in the occupied Gaza Strip Thursday sentenced two Palestinians to prison terms of 25 and 20 years each for attacks which killed two Gazans and wounded more than 20, the military command said Friday. The two belonged to a 21-member group described by the military prosecutor as "the most sophisticated" to operate in the Gaza Strip.

CAIRO, (AFP) — Sudan has expelled Iraqi News Agency correspondent Abdul Fahdi Hassan, the Middle East News Agency reported Friday in a dispatch from Khartoum.

BELGRADE, (AFP) — President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq of Pakistan arrived here Friday for a three-day state visit to Yugoslavia.

MANILA, (R) — A 30-member Iraqi delegation led by Vice-President Taha Mohieddin Marouf arrived here Friday for a six-day visit which will include talks on expanding trade.

TEL AVIV, (AFP) — Some 9,451 Jews emigrated from the Soviet Union last year, but only 1,808 went to settle in Israel, according to Israeli Deputy Immigration Minister Dov Shilanku.

Hussein to tour Gulf

KUWAIT, Jan. 22 (R) — King Hussein of Jordan is due here Saturday at the start of a five-state Gulf tour, the Kuwait News Agency reported Friday.

The visit is the continuation of a trip earlier this month to Saudi Arabia and Iraq to discuss ways to resume an Arab summit conference that was adjourned last November in Fez, Morocco, informed sources said.

He will also go to Qatar, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and Oman.

Arafat, Saleh hold talks

BEIRUT, Jan. 22 (AP) — Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat arrived in the North Yemen capital of Sanaa on Thursday and held his first round of talks with President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

The news agency said the talks would include "cooperation between the Palestinian and Yemeni peoples the latest developments in the region, as well as various international issues."

Hassan to visit France

RABAT, Jan. 22 (R) — The palace announced here Friday that King Hassan of Morocco will visit France next Tuesday to confer with President Francois Mitterrand during what was described as a working visit.

Mubarak's Italy trip set

ROME, Jan. 22 (AP) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak will pay a three-day state visit to Italy Jan. 30-Feb. 1 at the invitation of President Sandro Pertini, the Italian government announced Friday. Mubarak will be accompanied by his wife and an official delegation, the announcement said.

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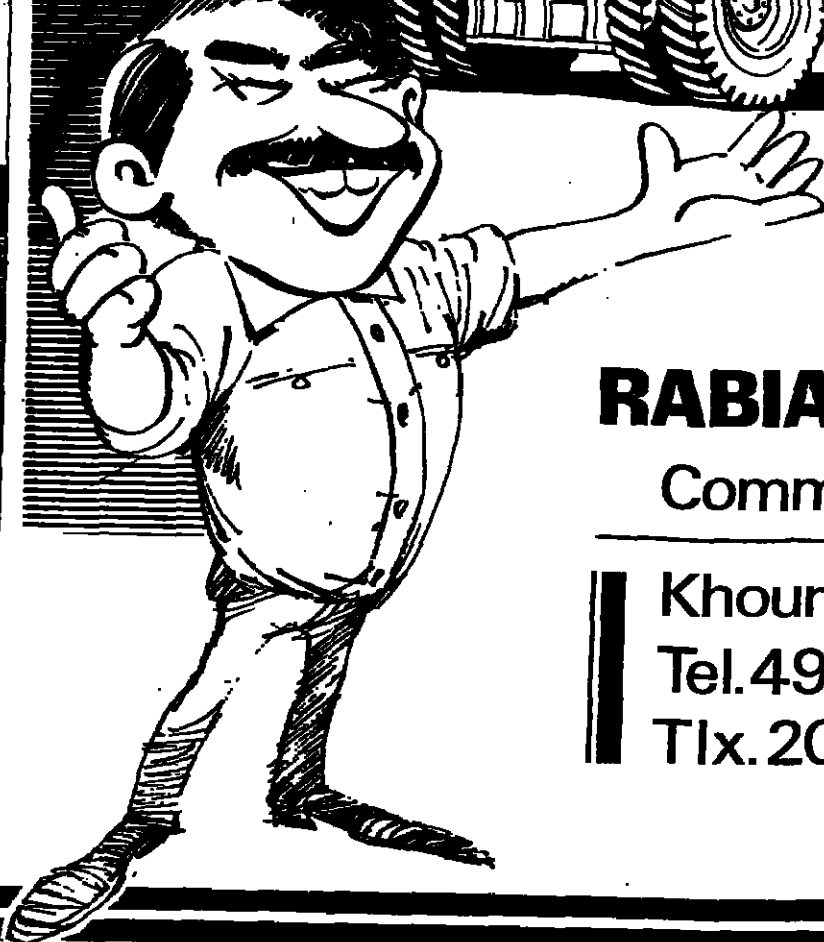
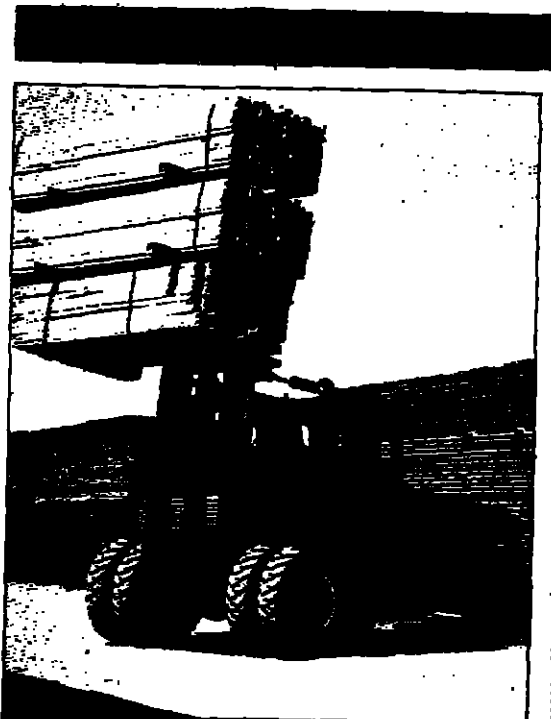
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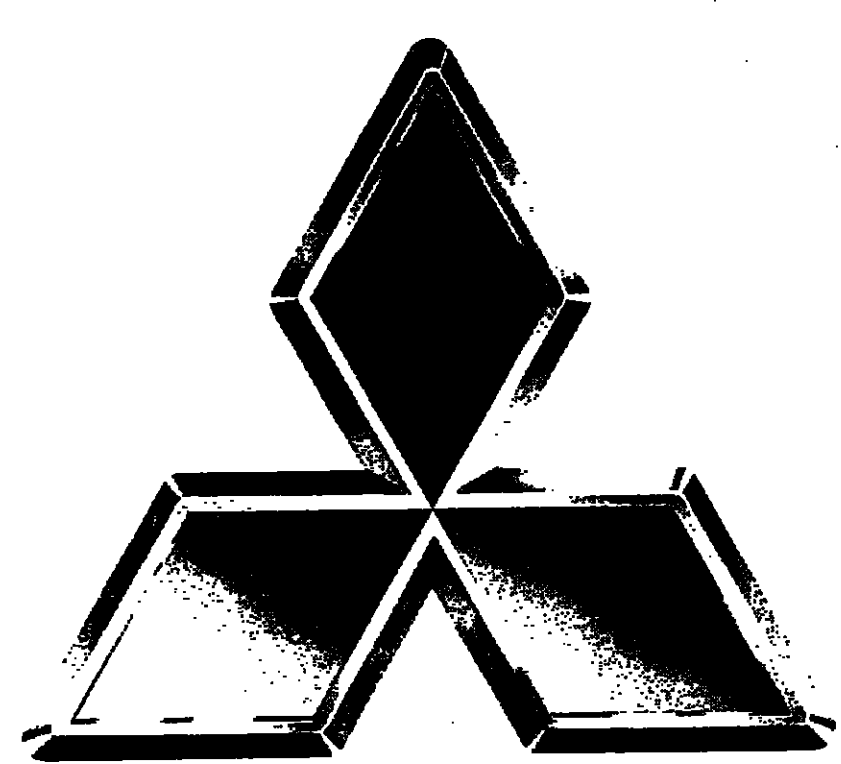
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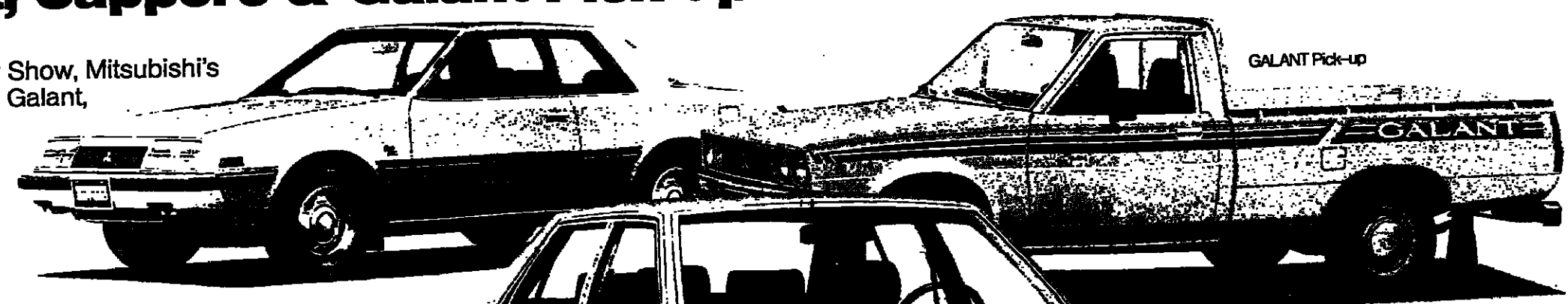
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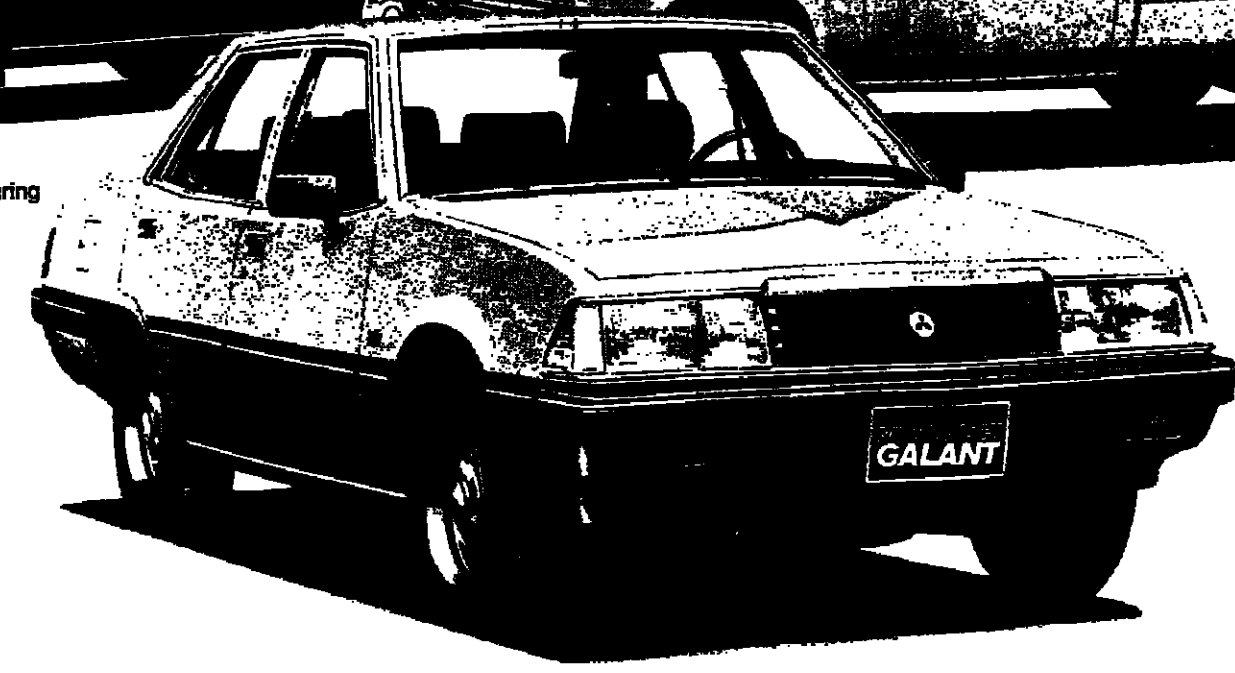
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By-elections give boost to French opposition

By Robert Evans

PARIS.— France's right-wing opposition, reduced to internal recrimination and legislative impotence by last summer's Socialist election triumph, is back on the warpath confident that the Left's fortunes are on the wane. Leaders of the two major parliamentary groupings on the Right, the neo-Gaullist RPR and the more centrist UDF, appear smiling and combative on the nation's television screens pushing government spokesmen onto the defense.

The turn-around, startling after several months during which both groups appeared to have effectively retired from the political battlefield, is the result of four stunning victories for the opposition in by-elections last weekend.

The swing to the Right in the four polls, if repeated in a national contest, would sweep the now dominant Socialist Party of President Francois Mitterrand from government in an even more dramatic political switch than that by which it captured power last year. The only damper on opposition enthusiasm is the fact that no general elections are due until the middle of 1986 and the Socialist majority in the National Assembly is overwhelming and clearly impregnable short of some general social disaster.

The fresh polling was called because the watchdog constitutional council determined there had been irregularities in the four constituencies in and around the capital during last June's parliamentary elections. In the weekend vote, the RPR or Rally for the Republic, won back two assembly seats it had lost narrowly to Socialists in June and returned with a handsome margin in a third which it only just held in the summer.

The UDF or French Democratic Union which was the main support for former President Valery Giscard d'Estaing during his rule from 1974 to 1981 easily recaptured a Paris constituency it had lost in the national contest to a left-wing candidate.

The extent of the four victories was underlined by the fact that they were achieved in the first round of voting because all the right-wing flag-bearers took well over 50 percent of the ballots against Socialists and fringe candidates.

While government supporters said the setback was due to popular discontent that the Mitterrand administration's social reforms had not yet borne fruit, opposition figures said they amounted to complete rejection of Socialist policies. Giscard d'Estaing, who has avoided the political limelight since he lost the presidency to Mitterrand in May last year, hailed the results as "the start of a new beginning."

Giscard said the by-elections showed "that France will once again find the road of progress in freedom, in the fraternal unity of the French people, and in greatness." But French political analysts agreed that the main beneficiary of the voting was Jacques Chirac, 49-year-old mayor of Paris and one-time prime minister blamed by many Giscard supporters for their leader's defeat last May.

Chirac, who won 15 percent of the poll in the first round of the presidential elections but gave only lukewarm support to Giscard in the second round, hailed the weekend results as a "superb victory" for the entire opposition.

The French people, Chirac declared, had understood after only eight months of rule by the Socialists and their Communist allies "that government policies are bringing no concrete solution to the grave problems France now faces." The results, he said, "strengthen our determination to wage a vigorous political struggle to answer the aspirations of the French people who want a society of responsibility, progress and freedom."

This coming weekend, boosted by an opinion poll in which 60 percent of those questioned said he had an important political role to play in the future against only 25 percent for Giscard, Chirac addresses a congress of the RPR. The congress is certain to re-elect him as president of the grouping, a post he relinquished to stand in last year's contest for the state presidency, and set him firmly on the path to becoming the best-placed candidate of the Right in 1988.

During the campaigning for the by-elections, a sun-tanned and buoyant Chirac turned out to give his personal support to the UDF candidate in Paris, a former Giscard minister, in a display of concord between the two opposition groupings.

For the voting the RPR and the UDF, like the Socialists and Communists on the Left, agreed to support a single candidate from the first round and political analysts said it was this that brought them their triumph. "Our victory was the result of our reformist unity," declared Alain Peyrefitte, a justice minister under Giscard who won his provincial National Assembly seat back for the RPR from a Socialist at the weekend.

"This was the proof that the old majority was above all beaten by its own divisions but that it can win when it is united." The Right, he said, could come back to power "if it avoids the demons of disunity."

His remarks were echoed by the UDF leader in the assembly, Jean-Claude Gaudin, who said the opposition groups, despite the "deep wounds" of last summer's defeats, had responded to their supporters' wishes and started "to build a union."

But with all their new-found optimism, officials of both groups realize it will be a long road — although one along which they may pick up a number of prizes — before they can recapture their old dominance over the nation's power centers.

In the 491-seat National Assembly the RPR has only 87 deputies and the UDF, which provides an umbrella for many of the small center and center-right groupings whose existence fragmented French politics in the 1950s, have 65. The Socialist Party, itself built by Mitterrand only 11 years ago out of several fractious leftist groups, controls 282 seats and the Communists, the big losers in last year's elections, have 44.

However, the opposition groupings see their way back to the top through an onslaught on the country's local government bodies which are gaining more power and importance because of the Socialist administration's policy of decentralization.

Already, according to a study published in the newspaper *Quotidien de Paris*, the Left has been steadily losing ground in unnoticed by-elections for town and village councils across France in the past three months. In March, half the 4,000 councillors on regional government bodies will be up for re-election in cantonal voting in which the Socialists and Communists scored well in 1979 and emerged with control of 47 of the country's 96 departments.

The next target for the RPR and the UDF will be the municipal elections of 1983 at which the Right will be seeking revenge for its heavy defeats last time round in 1978 when the left-wings parties captured hundreds of town and city halls. (P)



M. Kharip
ARAB NEWS - JEDDAH

What hope for the Middle East in 1982?

By Lord Caradon

The start of the New Year is a good time to think about what we have learned from the years of conflict in the Middle East, and what hope we may have for the future.

In all the uncertainty and anxiety and despondency of the present situation are there any guiding principles, any factors we can rely on, any conclusions we can be sure about?

I believe that there are, and I shall try to set them out.

First, **The future of the Palestinians**

It is now widely accepted that the plight of the Palestinians is at the center of the Middle East tragedy. There was a time after the 1967 war when all agreed that the first purpose was the withdrawal of Israeli armed forces from occupied territories, but soon after the war the Palestinians staked their claim to a country of their own. It is this purpose that has dominated all subsequent searches for a peaceful settlement.

Second, **Security**

Any lasting settlement must in the words of the unanimous 1967 Security Council Resolution 242 provide for the right of every state in the area "to live in peace within secure and recognized boundaries free from threats or acts of force."

This basic right to security was of course to apply to Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon as well as to Israel. Withdrawal and security were to be dependent one on the other.

Third, **Self-determination**

Increasingly it is realized that the Palestinians in their determination to achieve a country and a government and a capital of their own are entitled to exercise full self-determination and to decide their own fate within their own boundaries. No people could ask for less. It is not surprising that the Palestinians would not accept any subordinate status or limited autonomy dictated by the Israelis or the Egyptians or anyone else.

Fourth, **The peace of Jerusalem**

Clearly there can be no peace in the Middle East without peace in Jerusalem. For one side or the other to annex and govern all Jerusalem would be a prescription for permanent confrontation and conflict. In the face of intense religious and national feeling from both sides there is a growing understanding and support for the conception that there should be an Arab Jerusalem and an Israeli Jerusalem with no barriers between them and freedom of movement between the two, and freedom of access to all the holy sites for everyone.

There was at one time international opinion in favor of Jerusalem being under international administration, but now this would be strongly opposed by both sides. Instead the proposal that the Holy City should not be dominated by one side or the other but united in freedom and equality and mutual advantage has gained ground.

These four propositions put together offer the prospect of a lasting peace with Palestinian freedom and Israeli security both achieved and internationally guaranteed.

The basic principles including "the inadmissibility of acquisition of territory by war" were unanimously accepted by the Security Council in 1967. Every subsequent proposal for a settlement, including the European Venice Declaration and the Saudi Arabian eight-point peace plan and the proposals from Jordan, have been in conformity with those propositions. They offer the prospect of a peace based not on military force but on equal security and mutual advantage, an opportunity to turn from hostility and military threat and domination to constructive international cooperation in peace.

So is there any hope that such a settlement can be achieved? Do recent events hold out any likelihood of progress toward such a permanent peace?

The recent Israeli moves toward annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights after the earlier bombing raids on Iraq and Beirut were alarming and dangerous enough. But their adverse effect has been far exceeded in Arab and Muslim opinion by the annexation of East Jerusalem with the holy sites of Islam, which no Arab and no Muslim can ever accept, occupied with the high-rise concrete encirclement of Jerusalem and the scores of Israeli settlements spreading through the West Bank and Gaza and the Golan.

And against this Israeli policy of colonization and annexation of Arab land and water (all carried out with the help of massive supplies of American money and arms) we have to suffer the deceit of talk of pursuing the Camp David purpose of "full autonomy" for the Palestinian people. Is the United States unaware of Israeli intentions and declarations? Is it not the height of hypocrisy to talk of "full autonomy" over territory which is being day by day colonized and annexed — and as far as Arab Jerusalem is concerned has already been declared by the Israeli government to be for ever the undivided capital of Israel?

So what hope is there now?

The only hope of progress toward a secure peace lies in the possibility of a positive and determined international initiative with overwhelming worldwide backing which will convince the United States to abandon its rejectionist attitudes, and to review its Middle East policies in a search for a positive plan for peace. The basis for such a policy is clear and very widely agreed, in accordance with the four propositions which I summarized earlier on.

Is this possible, and is there still time? Or will the drift to violence and eventually to war continue? We must hope and pray that the nations of the world including the United States will see the light in time — but it is already dreadfully late.

I do not forget the moment when in November 1967 I turned to my right in the United Nations Security Council and saw to my delight Deputy

Foreign Minister Kaznetsov of the Soviet Union voting for the British Resolution 242 thus making the vote unanimous.

In spite of all obstinacy and obstruction we must not abandon hope that we shall see another unanimous vote in the Council ending the sufferings and dangers of the Middle East with the blessing of freedom and security.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Saturday, Jan. 23rd, the 23rd day of 1982. There are 342 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1542 - England's King Henry VIII takes title king of Ireland.

1663 - France's King Louis XIV continues his alliance with League of the Rhine.

1793 - Russia and Prussia agree on second partition of Poland.

1849 - Prussia suggests German union without Austria.

1860 - Treaty establishes substantial degree of free trade between France and Britain.

1913 - Nazim Pasha is murdered in Turkish coup, and Shevket Pasha forms ministry.

1920 - Holland refuses to surrender former Kaiser William II of Germany to allies for punishment as World War I criminal.

1924 - Ramsay MacDonald forms first labor government in Britain on resignation of Stanley Baldwin.

1943 - British Eighth Army enters North African city of Tripoli in World War II.

1965 - China's Premier Chou En-Lai calls for new United Nations which would, in his words, be "free of manipulation by American imperialism."

1972 - Egypt's government imposes new luxury taxes in program to prepare for new war with Israel.

1973 - U.S. President Richard Nixon announces that accord has been reached in Vietnam war; volcanic eruption on island off southern coast of Iceland forces evacuation of almost all 5,500 islanders.

1975 - The United States discloses it will furnish Israel with short-range lance missiles capable of carrying nuclear warheads.

1980 - U.S. President Jimmy Carter declares the Gulf region off limits to the Soviets.

1981 Polish labor leader Lech Walesa calls for one-day general strike "to preserve the unity" of the Solidarity labor movement.

Thought for today:

Govern a great nation as you would cook a small fish — don't overdo it — Confucius, Chinese philosopher (555 B.C. - 479 B.C.)

AIDING ISRAELI PIRACY

America's veto of the resolution presented to the U.N. Security Council by the Arab countries has caused the expected wave of indignation among the people and governments of the Arab world.

The Arab side had agreed to water down its original proposal in the hope that it would preempt America's veto. But the move did not work. The U.S. made it clear it would not brook even the mildest form of retribution against its protege. The criminal, in other words, has to be allowed to get away with the crime.

The anger in the Arab world at this is of course justified, yet one cannot help thinking it is somewhat redundant. For everyone knew, from the moment the Israelis made their move on the Golan, that the Arab world would go to the Security Council for remedy, and that the U.S. would block this by a veto.

Everyone knew this because the U.S. has done this before, and not such a long time ago, when Israel was enabled to ride the international community's anger following the annexation of Jerusalem. That case also was taken to the Security Council and an originally strong resolution watered down to win America's acceptance, then the whole thing dropped when this was not forthcoming.

At that time also anger and dismay swept the Arab world at that blatant connivance with Israel's piracy. But the anger and the dismay soon spent themselves in violent denunciations and empty threats. The U.S. did not mind these, it even welcomed them as harmless substitutes for real and possibly harmful retaliation.

The U.S. therefore felt free to give a repeat performance, on the assumption that it risks nothing of its stupendous financial, commercial, strategic and political interests in the Arab world; that all it will have to do is sit back and wait for the passing of the verbal storm.

But will the Arab world, twice beaten in such a short time, really confine itself to empty gestures? Will it content itself with taking the matter to the U.N. General Assembly to obtain verbal endorsements of its rights, with no action being taken against the usurper and those who so consistently aid and abet its crimes?

Saudi Arabian press review

Friday's newspapers commented on America's use of veto Wednesday against a new United Nations Security Council resolution calling for voluntary sanctions against Israel for its annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights.

Okaz called on the Arab states to accelerate moves for achieving Arab solidarity and forming a unified front to face the Israeli challenges.

"The time is ripe now for the Arabs to resume the postponed Fez summit so as to work out a joint Arab strategy for the restoration of the usurped Arab rights and lands," the paper said.

It advised the Arabs not to depend on either the West or the East for restoring their legitimate rights and occupied lands. "Mobilizing their potentials and capabilities is the only way for achieving the Arab goals and aspirations," it added.

Under the title "For how long

the topsy-turvy stand will last," *Al-Jazirah* questioned the motive behind Washington's stand in the Security Council.

"The U.S. wanted to say that the council is not the place for discussing any problem between the Arabs and Israel; and that the states of the international community have nothing more to do with the chronic Arab-Israeli conflict than to play the role of a mediator who only seeks to bring the disputing sides into direct contacts," the paper wrote.

Dealing with the same subject, *Al-Madina* saw the U.S. veto of the council resolution as a full application of the American-Zionist strategic cooperation accord which "the terrorist Menahem Begin scornfully threw in the face of U.S. President Reagan when the latter tried to protest Israel's annexation to the Golan Heights." (SPA)

هبة من الاحول

A new 'home' every night 'Box people' get by even in record cold

By Scott Kraft
and Nancy Shelins

NEW YORK (AP) — They look like something from a trash heap: Cardboard boxes in the frigid darkness, hugging the wall of a bank on New York's prestigious Park Avenue. But they are homes for the box people.

Boxes are where Mary, Frank and Charlie survived when record-breaking cold killed more than 200 Americans. And boxes are where they'll try to survive bitter cold again.

"It's all in your mind, really, the cold," says Charlie Buchanan, 48, a gap-toothed, grizzled man who seems oblivious to the singing sleet that pelts his face as he peers from his box.

One night during the worst of it, when the air felt like ice and half a foot of snow sent thousands of shivering New Yorkers home early, many of the city's 36,000 homeless sought refuge in city shelters.

But there are only 4,000 beds for the destitute homeless in this city. Some street people took all-subway rides. Others slept in Grand Central Station or the night Port Authority bus terminal.

Charlie, Mary Byrd, and Frank Jarnot went home to a cluster of cardboard cartons, covered with mailing labels and stamped: "Handle with care."

The temperature was well below freezing. But the sturdy cardboard boxes are "warm as toast" — maybe 40 degrees (5 degrees C.), Frank says. He spent nearly an hour lining a box with newspaper fished out of trash cans and with blankets he'd found.

This night, boxes were tucked inside boxes for insulation. One man crawled into a carton and pulled a smaller box over his head, leaving his shoulders exposed as he lay on the concrete. Charlie fit his boxes together like interlocking puzzle pieces, adjusted to his height and girth.

"It's warmer in a box than in those flop-houses (cheap rooming houses). And every night we get new ones," says Charlie, who wears a knit cap and four layers of dirty sweaters and jackets.

"Whenever I get asked where I live, I tell people 345 Park Avenue. 'Course I don't have no phone," quips 55-year-old Al Kraft, a dapper veteran of 17 homeless winters, who chooses a subway car over a carton this bitter evening.

Their walls may be only of cardboard, but the box people of Park Avenue are a community nonetheless. They spend their days trying to earn enough money to keep from starving and their nights scavenging fresh living quarters to keep from freezing.

Taking care of Mary, a 23-year-old woman in the group, is almost a full-time job for the men. They call her "just a baby," and take turns leaving hamburgers, coffee and cakes outside her box.

"She's not nuts, but she's dreaming," Frank says of the wisp of a woman who cringes inside her carton. When approached by a stranger and asked a question, she invariably responds: "No, thank you."

"She talks real intelligent — she's been to college. But she's living in a fantasy world," Frank says. Studies have suggested that half of the city's homeless are mentally disturbed.

By day, Mary huddles outside a subway entrance. There she stays until Frank comes to lead her the 50 paces to her choice spot alongside the bank building where, in another box, Charlie stands guard.

"She reminds me of my daughter," says Frank, who gives his occupation as junk collector.

The men earn a few dollars going through trash bins for junk, which they haul in a shopping cart to a scrap dealer. On days when the pickings are slim, they line up for sandwiches and soup at missions or handouts from restaurant kitchens.

"We don't panhandle," Charlie says proudly.

The recent low temperatures are dangerous. Capt. Clarence Peterson walks the bowery, a downtown New York neighborhood, in search of the homeless. He says some fall asleep on the pavement, where they soon freeze to death.

"You literally have to pry them off with a shovel," Peterson said.



COMBAT SIMULATION: This simulator, developed by the U.S. Air Force for pilot training, was one of the many video devices converted by enterprising businessmen for commercial use in game parlors. This simulator projects the sky and earth on the interior of a dome and up to a dozen pilots can engage in realistic combat while seated in a land-based cockpit. A high altitude maneuver is shown in which an F-15 Eagle pilot and his wingman, right, are in hot pursuit of enemy aircraft.

Businessmen are irate Hong Kong laws halt 'video game plunder'

By Khark Singh

HONG KONG (AP) — The Hong Kong government, in a move to protect young people from costly and losing battles against video challengers, has halted the advance of electronic game arcades.

Under a law enacted early this month, the government has banned anyone wearing a school uniform or under the age of 16 from entering video game centers, havens for computer games that plunder allowances and earnings from young and old.

The games, somewhat like pinball, are played on television-type screens.

The law also stipulates that each machine in the premises must have a floor space of 100 square feet (nine square meters). The action has forced the temporary closure of most of Hong Kong's 150 video game parlors until owners can get licenses certifying they meet the new requirements.

Owners operating illegally face a maximum fine of 1,000 Hong Kong dollars (about \$169) or six months in jail.

The government move has been strongly attacked by the Hong Kong Amusement Machine Association (HAMA), which says the legislation has put thousands of people out of work and is costing million of dollars to those whose applications for licenses are being held up by red tape.

The yearly turnover of the centers has been estimated at one billion Hong Kong dollars (about \$170 million).

HAMA's chairman, Charles Broquard, says he doesn't understand the requirement on floor space.

"Why does a video game need 100 square feet of space around it when public housing tenants have to manage with 35?" he asked.

The association also said the games teach children to read faster, provide an outlet for frustrations and "have proved beneficial for retarded and emotionally disturbed children."

The government has expressed concern that children are wasting too much time and money shooting down video targets and manning battle stations.

A spokesman said the centers are a potential breeding ground for gambling activities and that they could be taken over by triad gangs — Chinese gangster organizations.

Hong Kong's secretary for home affairs, Denis Bray, said some of the games are also harmful to youngsters. He said he had heard of one game in Singapore where the player is the driver of a car speeding down a road crowded with pedestrians.

"The object was to knock down as many people as possible, with each kill marked by the appearance of a cross," he said. He emphasized that such a game would never be allowed in Hong Kong.

The president of the Hong Kong Professional Teachers' Union, Szeto Wah, called on the government to raise the age limit in its new regulations from 16 to 18. He warned that the video craze is affecting the studies of young people, and claimed some students have stolen money to pay for their addiction.

Others "forego their breakfast or just eat bread for lunch to save money for the games," he said.

Meanwhile, the Hong Kong housing department has barred machines from its properties, claiming they could be a first step toward gambling.

Unemployed move west full of hope

Even in 'prosperous regions' there aren't any jobs; workers at Cheyenne employment office laid off

By Bill Curry

CHEYENNE, Wyo (WP) — Out of work but full of hope, Laurel and George Denison sold their home in Mokena, Ill., last July and moved to Wyoming, booming Wyoming where, they had heard, the jobs were plentiful. They haven't worked since they got here.

When the North Bergen, N.J., car dealer where he had been employed closed down, a 25-year-old auto mechanic struggled for a year on savings. Wyoming was the promised land for jobs because of the energy boom, he had heard, and so last November, he and his wife, also unemployed, came to Cheyenne. They haven't worked since.

Nineteen-year-old Gary Ellis left New York City last September and came to Wyoming, where he had heard the chances were better to find more permanent prosperity. He has not worked since November, and the other day, cold, hungry and broke, he dined for the first time at a local charity cafeteria.

Like uncounted others, these five exercised what President Reagan, in an interview last Nov. 21, called the right of "the citizen to vote with his feet" by moving from economically distressed areas to more prosperous regions of the country.

But many of them who chose areas that looked more prosperous from a distance are finding it an empty right. As the recession grips the country, hard times may await them even in some traditionally booming states.

"Ronald Reagan and his going across the country just don't work," complained Laurel Denison, a 58-year-old unemployed railroad brakeman. "It just gets worse."

"It sounds like a terrific idea," wife, George, 52, said. The couple's move to Wyoming broke up a tightly knit family that lived within a 10-mile radius in Mokena, Ill. Now, as she and her husband approach retirement age,

they find their life savings eroding.

"Many people can't believe it, that the jobs aren't just going begging," said David C. Marshall, manager of the state's job service office here, where on an average day, 30 out-of-staters stop to inquire about jobs. "In 1979, we literally ran out of people for jobs. But right now in Cheyenne, the job market is as tight as I've seen it in 12 years. There aren't even dishwasher jobs."

"Wyoming is supposed to be the promised land, the boom, and so we're bombarded," said Lt. John W. Hall. "You tell people what they heard (about jobs in Wyoming) isn't accurate, and they don't believe you. You crush their dreams."

U.S. jobless are following President Reagan's advice... that it's the right of "the citizen to vote with his feet" by moving from economically distressed areas to more prosperous regions of the country... and finding that there aren't any jobs there either.

In Cheyenne, the result is mounting problems for the community and building frustration and bitterness among newcomers who find their savings depleted, their lives disrupted and their pride receding.

"I have never done something illegal," a 26-year-old woman from Santa Monica, Calif., told a reporter during her visit to the local welfare office. The woman, who gave her name only as Wanda, spoke in a voice taut to the snapping point, and perhaps hers was an exaggeration borne of desperation as she added: "But if it doesn't turn around here, I may have to go out on the streets to take care of myself. How can you look nice and get a job if you don't have shampoo in the house?"

For communities like Cheyenne, such personal desperation can become a public problem. Police Chief D.R. Rookstool said that

while crime is down in Cheyenne, investigators think many of the unsolved armed robberies are the work of desperate migrants.

"If the economy continues going the way it is," Rookstool said, "it's going to get worse. Cheyenne is going to have to get ready for it."

Growing numbers of people who are down on their luck are "voting with their feet" and moving to such places as Cheyenne; one woman hitchhiked into town with her infant in a stroller. The influx often calls for increased assistance from citizens, churches, and public and social service organizations.

"The burden is being met by the local community," Hall said. "With community help, a two-meal-a-day soup kitchen began

run the local will be laid off at the end of the month. Elsewhere, the state has simply shut down job service offices.

A 25-year-old newlywed mechanic from Jersey, who used to earn \$ 8.50 an hour, leaped through a book of municipal positions that are open. "Look: Three years' experience... master's degree... medical technician... degree in accounting. The pages back here are for labor-type jobs, mechanics. There is nothing there."

"I come down here every day looking for a job. The first thing every morning I get the newspaper and look for a job. I don't know how many applications I've filled out. If we go out shopping, the supermarket or something, we'll ask if they've got any jobs. It's horrible. I figured there would be more jobs in the west."

The mechanic, who asked that his name not be used, married Nov. 14 and arrived in Wyoming the 28th. "I remember the first day he came in here," said his job counselor, Bob Ramirez, 32, before sending the mechanic out to interview for an \$ 800-a-month county dog warden's job. "It's the only job in the book he qualifies for. We got a lot of auto mechanics out of a job. Thirty people interviewed for the last animal control officer."

Still they come — a landscaper from Chicago, a ranch hand from South Carolina, an auto worker from Michigan, an inquiry by letter from a welder in Ohio. "All wanting," Ramirez said, "that oil field job that pays 10 bucks an hour."

Marshall estimates that out-of-state telephone calls, letters and walk-ins are twice the volume of a year ago. Perhaps as many as 150 persons a week stop at job service; many move on immediately, others need assistance — a tankful of gasoline from the Welfare Office or counseling to return home.

Not so with the Denisons. Hoping for a job on Union Pacific coal trains, the couple took the financially and personally painful step of selling their house in Mokena and buying one here last July. But he has yet to be called for work; she has yet to find a supermarket checker's job.

Laurel Denison's father worked for the Rock Island Line. He did too, and so did two children. Three generations — and then the line went bankrupt in 1980. "I had a lot of friends from the Rock Island come out here," said Laurel Denison, who worked for the line for 27 years. "It was like the wagon trains going west."

But less coal being consumed means fewer trains hauling coal.

"Now we're going backward," she said. "We're not desperate. I certainly think we're better off than a lot of people. But it hasn't been fun. It's slipping away. We were living in a fool's paradise. We thought we had done everything right. We worked hard and saved and we didn't quit our jobs. That's the frustrating thing."

He interrupted: "It's wrong."

She continued: "When you're young, you work like hell, and then somebody pulls the rug out. It's a whole new world."

"After 27 years," her husband said, "who would think you're going to lose your job?"

From a combined annual income of about \$40,000, they now live on \$500 a month in railroad unemployment benefits. "It helps," Denison said.

"We don't sit around crying about it," Mrs. Denison added, "but we would like to work."

"I always think of these young families," Mrs. Denison said as she leaned against the family pickup parked outside the job service office. "I don't know how they're going to make it."

Arab News welcomes readers' contributions, particularly of a local aspect. If interested, please contact Dave Kaiser at 653-4743 or 653-2911, Jeddah.



AERIAL VIEW OF NEW YORK: Few people, even those living on fashionable Park Avenue realize that numerous people are living in poverty nearby, moving to new boxes every night for shelter and struggling just to obtain food.

India's researchers exploring Antarctica

By Granville Watts

NEW DELHI, (R) — India, which recently increased investigations into the economic possibilities of the Indian Ocean seabed, has now staked its interest in Antarctica with a 21-member scientific expedition to the frozen continent. The landing of the expedition aboard the chartered 600-ton Norwegian vessel *Polar Circle* in Antarctica on Jan. 9 marks a new departure for India.

Successive Indian governments have declined to sign the 19-nation U.N. Antarctic Charter introduced in 1959, asserting that Antarctica, like the oceans, was the common heritage of mankind and any closed-club approach would be detrimental to the developing countries.

The charter, however, includes a number of developing countries like Argentina and Brazil and officials here said the present Indian government could well change its approach and become a signatory.

"At one time Antarctic interests seemed to be dominated by the big powers, now this no longer seems the case," they said.

Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has taken a personal interest in the expedition and said in a congratulatory message to the expedition when it landed in Antarctica that "it is the fulfilment of one of my long-standing wishes."

It was on Mrs. Gandhi's initiative that the Indian government set up a department of ocean development last year following the announcement that an Indian research vessel had discovered a huge carpet of manganese nodules on the Indian Ocean seabed located within India's economic zone.

The man in charge of that operation, Dr. S.Z. Qasim, is leading the current Antarctic expedition.

Officials said the Indian scientists, including experts from the Indian National Institute of Oceanography, geologists and meteorologists, will concentrate mainly on oceanographic and weather experiments.

The scientists will pay particular attention to an area known as the Antarctic convergence, the outer limit of the Antarctic Ocean.

This area is believed to play a major role in determining the earth's climate, and India is particularly interested in how Antarctic weather affects the annual monsoon rains on which Indian harvests largely depend.

The Indian scientists are also expected to study the food possibilities of the shrimp-like krill found in Antarctic waters.

Their Norwegian vessel has been to Antarctica before and is especially equipped for the research work at sea to be conducted around the Japanese station at Syowa near where the expedition has landed.

The scientists, used to India's warm climate, were given a three-month training period in the Himalayas to prepare them for sub-zero temperatures.

The Indians will leave behind some scientific equipment in Antarctica with the hope of going back next year, officials said.

Judged on the success of the current expedition, the government may consider setting up a manned station for conducting experiments in Antarctica, they said.

The government is also considering the possibility of acquiring a special ship for Antarctic voyages.

The expedition is expected to stay in Antarctica for about two weeks, depending on the weather, and should return to India by the middle of next month.



EXPLORING ANTARCTICA: An expedition which recently landed on Antarctica includes experts from the Indian National Institute of Oceanography, geologists and meteorologists who will concentrate on oceanographic and weather experiments.

Despite U.S. objection

U.N. panel approves news network plan

ACAPULCO, MEXICO, Jan. 22 (R) — A United Nations communications commission has turned down a U.S. proposal to defer discussions on setting up a proposed Asia-Pacific news network, and recommended that the network should be approved.

The commission is examining project proposals to help Third World countries improve their communications systems. The U.S. delegation opposed the regional network alleging that it could confer exclusivity on national news agencies to the detriment of international news agencies.

The Soviet Union Thursday denounced this as an outspoken defense of transnational policies, and said the U.S. move was an attempt to impose its own criteria on Third World projects. Developing countries at the meeting unanimously rejected the American proposal.

It was the first heated debate since the opening last Monday of a week-long conference of the International Program for the Development of Communications (IPDC) of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

The commission's recommendations will be subject to ratification by the IPDC, which is also responsible for deciding on full or partial funding for approved projects.

U.S. delegate Clifford Block said his government wanted to encourage a multiplicity of news sources and sought an assurance that international news agencies would be allowed to distribute their services independently in the Asia-Pacific region. "Until such assurance can be provided we propose the project be deferred and sent back to the secretariat," he said.

The Mexican chairman of the commission, backed by the majority of delegates present, suggested that the matter be put to a vote. Faced with the prospect of defeat, the U.S. withdrew its formal proposal on condition that its reservations be made known to the IPDC council.

The secretary-general of the organization of Asia-Pacific news agencies who presented the news network project, Yusof Bador of Malaysia, said the intention was not to dislodge international news agencies from the region, but merely to supplement their services.

Other regional projects approved Thursday were the establishment of a Pacific radio news exchange at a cost of \$200,000, which Australia agreed to fund, and the setting up of a pilot project to facilitate exchange of films and television programs in the Asia-Pacific region.

Mintoff choice opposed

Malta party refuses to admit defeat

VALLETTA, Malta, Jan. 22 (AP) — More than a majority party after general elections, the Nationalists refuse to concede defeat to Premier Dom Mintoff's Labor Party and insist that their campaign platform be carried out.

The feud has carried over into the appointment of a successor to President Anton Buttigieg, whose five-year term expired at the end of December. With parliament not convened, Mintoff has named an acting president, a minister in one of his former governments. The Nationalists accused him of failing to satisfy a constitutional rule requiring consultations between the parties on such an appointment.

Mintoff, 65, was sworn in to a third term as premier of the Mediterranean island republic a week after his Socialists captured a three-seat majority in the 65-seat parliament despite losing the popular vote.

The Nationalists polled 114,132 votes, or nearly 5,000 more than Labor in the elections Dec. 12. The party, led by 47-year-old Edward Fenech Adami, has alleged that Labor won a majority because of gerrymandering of some districts before the elections.

Fenech Adami says the Nationalists will act as the majority party and insist on the implementation of the electoral platform, which called for closer ties with the West and entry in the European Common Market. Mintoff has pursued a neutral and nonaligned policy.

Parliament has not convened but has until Feb. 15 to do so. The Nationalists have not indicated what action they may take as the time limit for the legislature to meet draws near. In the meantime, Mintoff appointed Albert Hyzler, health minister in the 1971-76 Labor administration, as acting president.

The constitution calls for consultation with the leader of the opposition, but Fenech Adami claimed that a telephone call from Mintoff's administrative secretary was not adequate.

The pro-Labor *Weekend Chronicle* newspaper warned that the Nationalists were treading on dangerous grounds. The *Times*, which leaned toward the Nationalists in the last election, suggested in a recent editorial that both parties should seek common ground and give priority to what was common in their electoral platform.

Ex-Beatle hits photographer

LONDON, Jan. 22 (AP) — Ex-Beatle Paul McCartney punched and knocked down an 18-year-old photographer who tried to take his picture, press reports said Thursday. He then apologized saying, "I'm sorry I blew my top, mate," according to the London tabloid daily *Star*, whose photographer, Paul Massey, was said to be victim of McCartney's tantrum.

The *Star* said the incident occurred Wednesday night as the 39-year-old McCartney arrived at a British Broadcasting Corp. studio for an interview. He spotted Massey talking to a doorman and "suddenly cannoned his fist and body at our shocked photographer," the *Star* said. It said Massey staggered back and ended up on his back but was not seriously hurt.

Later, the newspaper said, McCartney invited the photographer into his studio room and told him: "I'm sorry about what happened."

Scandal topples Mongolia official

MOSCOW, Jan. 22 (AFP) — A huge financial and moral scandal has caused the dismissal of Mongolia's Academy of Science President Bazarin Shirandib, the newspaper *Mongolia News* said here Friday.

Appointed in 1961 at the age of 48, Shirandib is said to have spent half the amount earmarked for scientific research on sumptuous parties and on such personal projects as the publication of a biography in which he is described as "a genius of historic dimensions." The paper also accuses him of running his office disastrously, with lack of discipline leading to 50 percent absenteeism, and nepotism rife in administrative appointments.

Since Shirandib is also accused of criticizing Mongolian foreign policy, which is closely aligned to that of Moscow, observers here feel he could possibly be the victim of internal political intrigue. Mongolia became established as a Socialist state in 1924 — the second country in the world to do so after the Soviet Union.

UNHCR collects fund

GENEVA, Jan. 22 (AFP) — The United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) has collected \$2,365,000 toward setting up an armed Thai patrol to fight piracy against refugees, it was announced here Friday.

UNHCR launched an international appeal last year and had hoped to raise \$3.6 million. Many cases have been reported of pirates boarding crippled or slow vessels in the Gulf of Thailand, robbing refugees of their last possession and often attacking women and throwing men overboard.

On army installations

Mugabe alleges South African spying

SALISBURY, Jan. 22 (AFP) — South African agents are spying on installations of Zimbabwe's North Korean-trained army brigade in this country's eastern highlands, Prime Minister Robert Mugabe said Friday.

Mugabe was speaking in parliament in response to a question from a white MP, James Thrush of Salisbury, who asked how many tourists visiting the scenic highlands area around Inyanga had been assaulted by members of the army's Fifth Brigade.

Mugabe acknowledged that tourists had been either physically assaulted or "generally harassed" on 10 separate occasions between Oct. 7 and Dec. 11. He said all the incidents had been investigated and the culprits disciplined.

But the prime minister said there were mitigating circumstances, specifically that intelligence had been received of "indications that agents of South Africa were moving in the area." He added: "I have information that there are definite persons sent to the area to carry out a reconnaissance operation, and the army is aware of that."

The brigade's North Korean advisers arrived in Zimbabwe in August, and heavy equipment — believed to include armored vehicles and large artillery pieces — came in for the unit's use via the Mozambican port of Beira in October. Security Minister Emmerson Munangagwa later said that South Africa had tried to blow up trains moving the equipment to Zimbabwe, but that the plan failed.

New Ghana ruler appoints cabinet

ABIDJAN, Jan. 22 (R) — Ghana's new military ruler, Flight Lt. Jerry Rawlings, Friday named a 16-member civilian cabinet which would be "virtually a servant of people," Accra radio reported. The radio, monitored in Abidjan, said cabinet members would now be called secretaries reporting to the supreme seven-man Provisional National Defense Council (PNDC) headed by Rawlings.

Quoting from a PNDC statement, the radio said the new secretaries "will ensure that the civil service and government departments advance the course of the revolution." The radio said the council stated that "any PNDC secretary is virtually a servant of the people. None of the appointees should therefore see in his appointment anything more than a chance to serve the people sacrificially."

Rawlings, who took power for the second time in 28 months in a recent coup, was quoted Thursday by Accra radio as saying that he had no intention of handing over power and that he was there to stay.

The PNDC statement broadcast Friday said the Ministry of Defense has been placed under the direct control of the ruling body. B.B.B. Assamoah has been named a special secretary to the council and will liaise between the cabinet and the PNDC, the radio said.

was foiled by disinformation.

The prime minister's audience in parliament Friday included Bulawayo member Denis Walker, who according to official sources was to have been arrested last month along with fellow Bulawayo MP Wally Stuttaford on suspicions of plotting against the government.

Walker, however, was on holiday in South Africa when police came to his house Dec.

10, the same night Stuttaford was detained. Stuttaford is still in a Salisbury prison, has not been brought to court and claims he has been tortured.

Walker returned to Zimbabwe last night and took his place in the house of assembly Friday. After the sitting, he told the Zimbabwean news agency Ziana. "I really have got nothing to say except to wait and see what happens."

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Aides in quandary

Reagan scraps plan to hike excise taxes

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (R) — President Ronald Reagan has thrown his economic advisers into confusion by scrapping plans to double taxes on tobacco, petrol and some luxury goods to help to trim the U.S. budget deficit, administration sources said.

The 1983 budget, already delayed once by Reagan, is due to go to Congress Feb. 8 and the sources told Reuters that budget planners now had little time to find new ways of cutting the deficit. "We thought it was all wrapped up," said one source. "Now we are sitting here with (budget) print deadlines past waiting to see what happens."

The sources said Reagan changed his mind after apparently taking the key decision at a meeting with his advisers Wednesday to ask

Congress for temporary increases in federal excise taxes. His turnaround followed warnings Thursday from several private economists and business groups that any new taxes would impede recovery from the current recession.

The proposal to double excise taxes was part of a larger scheme aimed at holding the budget deficit for the 1983 financial year down to \$75 billion. The sources said Reagan had now ordered budget planners to find other sources of revenue to meet the \$75 billion target. The deficit this year is expected to rise to almost \$100 billion, well above the previous highest of \$66.4 billion in 1976. Reagan is expected to give the broad outlines of his 1983 budget package Tuesday.

Japan-French talks fruitful

TOKYO, Jan. 22 (AFP) — Japan and France have achieved "far from negligible" though not spectacular results in two days of trade consultations here, after exploratory talks last September, the French delegation leader said Friday.

Jacques Joutard, director of the foreign relations department of the French Economy Ministry, hoped for a satisfactory outcome in regard to Japanese import duty on ferro-nickel, imports of mineral water and easier entry for certain chemicals and pharmaceuticals.

No breakthrough was achieved on farm imports. France sought an end to barriers against Japanese imports of fruit, flour-based products.

A Japanese buying mission is due in France next June. A further meeting has been set for March in Tokyo, ahead of a visit from March

17 to 23 by French Foreign Trade Minister Michel Jobert.

In another development, Gmani Corea, secretary general of the U.N. Conference on Trade and Development, Thursday asked for Japanese cooperation, including financial assistance to developing nations, foreign ministry officials said.

Corea made the request during a meeting with Japanese Foreign Minister Yoshio Sakuruchi, the officials said. Corea, from Sri Lanka, arrived in Tokyo Wednesday for a five-day visit at the invitation of the foreign ministry.

Later, Corea paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki and exchanged views on issues related to North-South problems. Suzuki told Corea Japan will try the best to cooperate with UNCTAD on trade and technological assistance, the officials said.

Global grain stocks seen rising 22%

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (AP) — New projections by the U.S. Agriculture Department indicate the world's basic grain inventory will rise by nearly 22 percent on July 1 from mid-1981 levels.

The department's foreign agricultural service said Wednesday that mid-year stocks of wheat and coarse grains such as corn and barley are expected to be 187.2 million metric tons. Last July 1, the report showed the stockpile at 153.7 million tons. The expected increase stems from bumper harvests in a number of producing countries, including the United States.

Mid-year inventories are basically the amount of grain left over before the next harvest is ready. Production of wheat and coarse grain in 1981-82, for example, was estimated at more than 1.22 billion tons, compared to less than 1.17 billion last year. That was a gain of almost 5 percent. But consumption of grain this year will rise less than 1 percent to an estimated 1.19 billion tons from 1.18 billion in 1980-81, the report said.

Tin body rebuffs bid to raise price

LONDON, Jan. 22 (AFP) — As expected the International Tin Council has left the price range unchanged within the agreement despite pressure from the producers for an increase.

According to a communique Thursday by the Tin Council after a three-day London meeting, it was decided to review the price again in April at its next session. Meanwhile, sources close to the council said producers, led by Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia, had pressed for a 15 per cent rise in the present price but these were firmly resisted by consumer countries.

There was an appraisal of the "unusual operations" on the market which has kept prices very high over the past six months. No action was decided and the situation will be kept under review.

To end cheating by oil firms U.S. revises royalty scheme

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (AP) — The Reagan administration Thursday announced a major overhaul of the government's oil royalty collection program to stop cheating by oil companies, which a special commission estimated is costing the country half a billion dollars a year.

Interior Secretary James Watt said his proposed changes should allow the country to collect between \$200 million and \$650 million more annually in the \$4 billion program in which the oil industry pays for the right to produce oil and gas on federal lands.

Among the changes, Watt said he was creating a minerals management service in the department with added inspectors and auditors to police the 17,600 federal onshore and offshore leases.

That change was the major recommendation made in a 267-page report released Thursday by the commission on fiscal accountability of the nation's energy resources. The commission found that the interior department's program, managed by the U.S. Geological Survey, was in "disarray" and has

been for 20 years.

The government has no way of verifying independently how much oil and gas are taken from leases on federal and Indian lands. There are no internal controls," said commission chairman David F. Linowes, a management specialist and professor at the University of Illinois. The commission said the scientifically oriented geological survey was not the proper place to "manage a multibillion-dollar financial enterprise."

Watt said he was transferring the geological survey's 1,900 employees who supervise the leasing program to the new minerals management service. He said he would increase the number of field inspectors and auditors to crack down on fraud. Other changes Watt said he would either implement or ask Congress to make include: — Imposing fines of up to \$10,000 a day and even criminal penalties on oil companies that fudge on production reports. No fines are imposed now. — forcing the oil industry to implement tougher security arrangements at well sites to stem a growing theft problem.

Food intake records fall in Russia

MOSCOW, Jan. 22 (AFP) — Food consumption continued to shrink in the Soviet Union in 1980, sometimes to a worrying extent, according to figures in the statistics yearbook of Socialist countries just released here.

The figures lend substance to the strictures of Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, who has publicly deplored the fact that after 65 years of Socialist rule this major world power has still not solved its food production problem — a failing that could not be blamed on the weather alone.

Noting that the shortage of food had "political" implications, Brezhnev pledged that food would be a central issue during the present decade.

According to the yearbook, in 1980 Soviet citizens on average ate one kilo (2.2 lbs) less meat per capita than in the previous year, consumption falling from 58 kilos (127.8 lbs) to 57 kilos (125.6 lbs). For the same period per capita yearly intake of dairy produce was down by five kilos (11 lbs) — from 319 kilos (703.2 lbs) to 314 kilos (692.2 lbs) of milk, butter and cheese.

Fruit and vegetables were also down, from 98 kilos (216 lbs) to 93 kilos (205 lbs), and even potatoes, one of the national staple foods, dropped from 115 kilos to 112 kilos (253.5 lbs to 246.9) between 1979 and 1980.

U.K. resents Japan subsidy to shipyards

LONDON, Jan. 22 (AFP) — Japanese government subsidies to shipyards, said to total 350 million pounds (\$665 million) this year, came under attack here from the chairman of nationalized British Shipbuilders, Robert Atkinson.

He told a parliamentary committee of inquiry into shipbuilding Thursday that he estimated this aid allowed Japanese yards to build an extra 600,000 tons.

Atkinson also hit out at what he called the "vague fatalistic policies" of the European Economic Community (EEC) in the shipbuilding sector.

Concorde misses the bus

PARIS, Jan. 22 (AFP) — Concorde is dead — long live Airbus: This was the reaction of many observers to the announcement by Air France that it will cut Concorde flights to South America on April 1.

Meanwhile, sales of the Airbus, built by the European consortium Airbus Industries, have already soared to 346, with another 159 options.

The problem with the supersonic Concorde, far ahead of its time when it was first conceived 20 years ago, was that, due to the energy crisis, its time never came.

Air France and British Airways, the two airlines using Concorde, have been forced to concede that their prestige project will never be a money-maker, and that they can no longer fly above their means.

Air France admits that Concorde's annual deficit has reached about \$30 million a year, including about \$17 million on North American routes. Concorde services

to Caracas and Rio de Janeiro are to be canceled to cut the losses, just as British Airways Endorps Concorde flights to Bahrain and Singapore last year.

Concorde was conceived before the era of soaring energy costs, at a time when fuel consumption of 80 tons of kerosene for the Paris-New York run was not considered a problem. At a price of about \$340 a ton, the fuel bill for that run is now about \$27,000.

To add to the problem, there are only 14 Concorde now in operation. The plane was always too expensive to attract a rush of customers, and it was banned from flying over many urban areas because of its noise. So its astronomical running costs was never lightened by the benefits of mass-production. Concorde enthusiasts mourn that the supersonic bird was a victim of its own technological success, which later gave birth to its chief competitor, sub-sonic carriers like the Airbus.



NEW APPOINTMENTS: Lufthansa German Airlines has announced two new overseas appointments. Gerd W. Meierhoefer takes over from Wolf Burmeister as the regional and sales manager for the Middle East and North Africa. Jens Michael Hubrich succeeds Dr. Franz Schoiber as director for Africa and the Near East, according to a statement released by Lufthansa. Meierhoefer and Hubrich, aware of the growing importance of the Saudi Arabian market, will pay a visit to the Kingdom this month, shortly after taking office.

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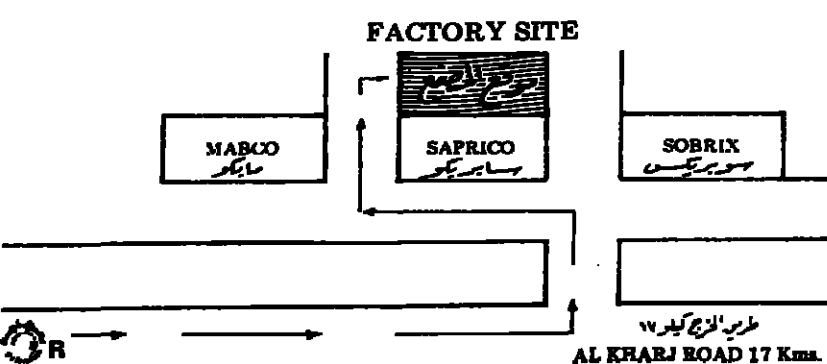
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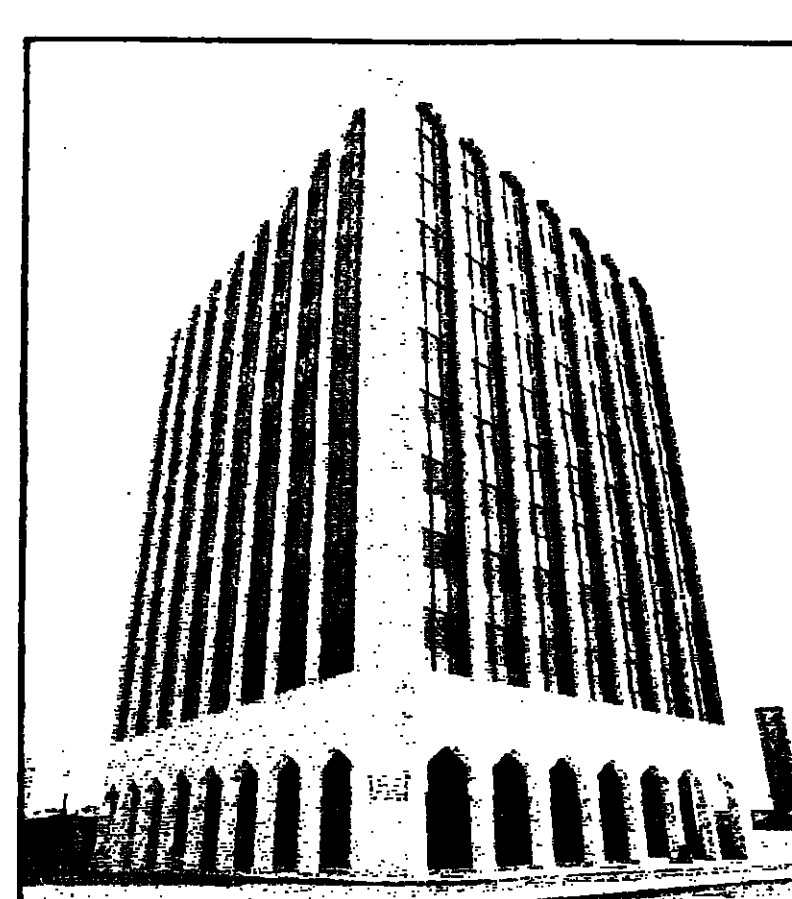
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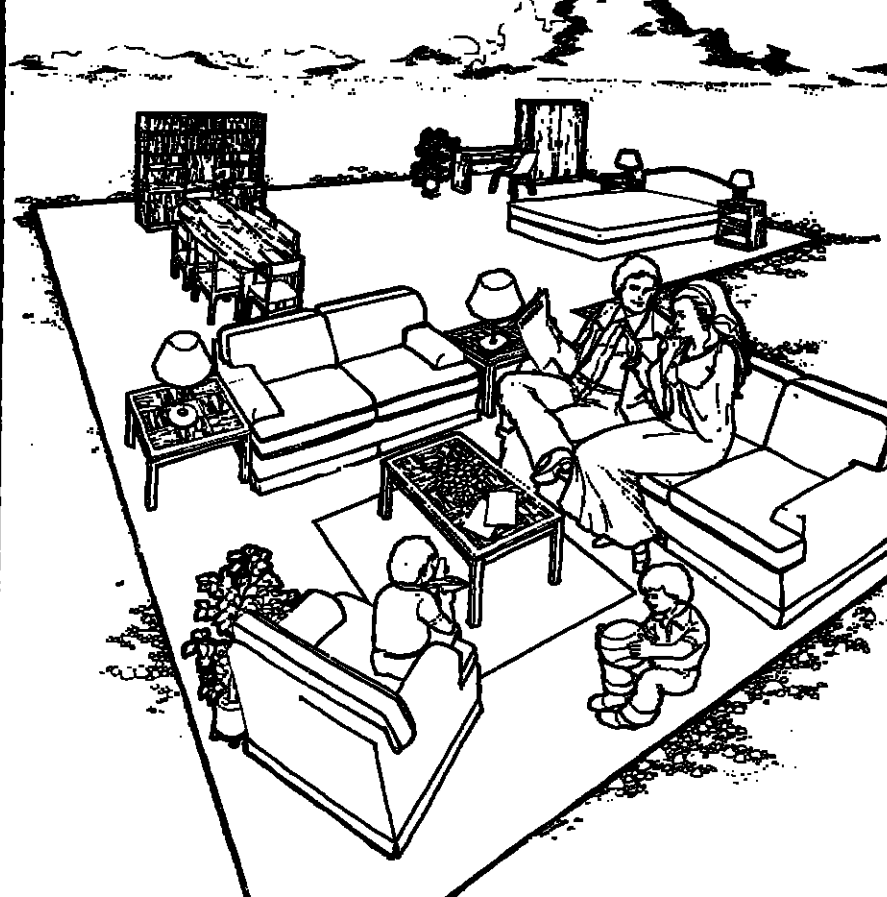
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American inflation touches new low

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22, (R) — Inflation in the United States last year fell to its lowest level since 1977, with consumer prices rising only 8.9 percent, the government said Friday.

The Labor Department said consumer prices rose by a modest 0.4 percent in December compared with 0.5 percent in November.

The inflation rate for 1981 was a significant drop from the 12.4 percent in 1980 and the best performance since U.S. inflation was 6.8 percent in 1977. "All major categories of consumer spending, except medical care, registered smaller increases in 1981 than in 1980," the department said.

It added that if consumer prices continued to rise at December's pace, they would be only 5.2 percent higher a year from now. President Reagan has pointed with pride to the progress his administration has made in bringing down inflation. But critics say much of the improvement came as a result of the current recession, which has sent the unemployment rate soaring to 8.9 percent.

Some private economists also fear that the recent gains achieved on the inflation front may be lost next summer when a 10 percent income tax cut takes effect and the economy begins to heat up.

Much of the progress made on inflation occurred during the waning months of 1981. Between October and December, consumer prices rose only 5.3 percent after a 13.5 percent rise in the preceding three months. The strongest contributor to the improved inflation figure was food, which rose only 4.3 percent last year.

After months of wrangling Bundestag OKs budget

BONN, Jan. 22 (R) — The West German Bundestag (lower house) Friday approved the 1985 federal budget after four months of tough inter-party bargaining on spending that at one stage threatened to split the ruling coalition.

It includes measures to promote employment in the depressed construction and steel industries, and provides for government spending to rise 3.2 percent to 40.5 billion marks (\$105 billion) this year.

Finance Minister Hans Matthöfer, in his closing speech, delivered a sturdy defense of the left-liberal government's economic policy and said its top priority remained the fight against unemployment.

"One thing is certain — we cannot and will not stand by and watch mass unemployment develop in West Germany," he said. The jobless total jumped to 1.7 million last month, or 7.3 percent of the labor force, and is expected to pass two million soon. Matthöfer told

parliament domestic interest rates would have to fall substantially further if long-term jobs were to be created, but he welcomed Thursday's half-point cut in the central bank's main lending rate to 10 percent.

New net borrowing is projected to fall to 26.8 billion marks (\$1.7 billion) in 1982 from some 38 billion marks (\$1.7 billion) last year. The protracted debate on the budget, which received its first reading in parliament last September, caused severe strains late last year within the left-liberal coalition.

The majority Social Democrats argued for higher state spending while the Liberal Free Democrats, supported by the opposition conservatives, were anxious to restrict government borrowing and hold down taxes.

One controversial element was the defense budget, which will now show no real increase after inflation despite a NATO commitment to raise defense spending by a real three percent.

Dollar maintains strength

LONDON, Jan. 22 (AP) — The U.S. dollar was steady against foreign currencies in trading Friday ahead of key U.S. economic reports.

Gold bullion gained \$2 an ounce in Zurich, but was unchanged in London.

Currency dealers said trading was cautious because of the belief that American interest rates could go higher as the Europeans bring their own down.

Dealers also were awaiting U.S. money supply figures and the consumer price index for December.

British pound slipped to \$1.8720 from \$1.8863.

Other dollar rates in Europe compared with Thursday's rate included: 2.3017 West German marks, up from 2.2990, 1.8483

Swiss francs, down from 1.4890, 5.8575 Dutch guilders, up from 5.8505, 1.234.25 Italian lire, up from 1.233.15, 1.1930 Canadian dollars, up from 1.1908.

In Tokyo, the dollar closed at 226.10 yen, up from 225.55.

Gold bullion, meanwhile, traded at a median range of \$378.50 a troy ounce in Zurich.

London's five major bullion dealers fixed a morning recommended gold price of \$377.75, unchanged from Thursday.

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Transport stoppage paralyzes Lisbon

LISBON, Jan. 22 (AFP) — A total transport stoppage paralyzed the Portuguese capital Thursday, as bus and tram workers joined underground employees on strike since Wednesday.

The strike, over salaries, did not affect suburban trains, but international rail connections to Spain and France suffered some delays.

Turkey faces suspension of EEC aid

STRASBOURG, France, Jan. 22 (AP) — The European Parliament on Friday demanded suspension of Common Market financial aid to Turkey "until such time as respect for human and civil rights and democratic liberties is once again assured."

The parliament adopted a resolution saying the Turkish military regime has shown "no serious desire to restore civil and democratic freedom," and calling for "the immediate release of political detainees."

Parliament sources said a proposal for 600 million European currency units, about \$630 million in financial aid for Turkey most likely would be rejected at a meeting of Common Market foreign ministers next week.

The parliament also decided to suspend its participation in the joint Common Market-Turkey parliamentary committee until a Turkish national assembly has been "freely elected in a secret ballot by direct universal suffrage and has taken office."

Belgian Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans, who will preside at next week's meeting of Common Market foreign ministers, suggested to newsmen Wednesday that new financial aid to Turkey would not be forthcoming until "democracy is restored."

Soviets seek time to pay for imports

TOKYO, Jan. 22 — The Soviet Union has asked Japanese trading houses to extend for up to six months payment due on textile product imports, officials confirmed Friday.

Officials of Marubeni, C. Itoh and Co. and other major trading houses said the request for payment deferment was made by Export Ljon, a Soviet textile export-import office, to about 10 Japanese trading partners.

The *Mainichi Shimbun*, a major daily, reported that the Soviet request covers contracts with the firms worth \$150 million.

Mainichi linked the Soviet request to a drop in Moscow's foreign currency reserves as a result of grain purchases to compensate for a poor grain harvest last year and a sharp increase in financial assistance to Poland. The officials said Export Ljon gave no reason for seeking the delay.

With West up in arms Suzuki vows to ease trade

TOKYO, Jan. 22 (R) — Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki has pledged further efforts to solve trade friction with Western nations as Japan came under renewed pressure to make its markets more open to imports.

Suzuki Thursday told an annual convention of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) that Japan is ready to bear greater responsibilities for ending friction with its trading partners.

U.S. Ambassador to Japan Mike Mansfield, currently on home leave, sent a letter to Suzuki asking Japan to reduce trade barriers.

Japanese government sources said Mansfield asked Japan to simplify import procedures, abolish tariff barriers and boost domestic demand to reduce dependence on exports.

Suzuki said: "Japan is ready to play an international role and carry out greater responsibilities as an economic power." But he said it was important to seek a balanced growth of trade and an improvement in the world economy rather than balance bilateral trade by protectionist measures. Next week a delegation of senior European Economic Community (EEC) officials, led by External Affairs Director-General Sir Roy Denman, will arrive in Tokyo to push for an improvement in trade with Japan.

On Feb. 15 U.S. Securities Exchange Commission Chairman John Shad will come to Tokyo to urge Japan to make its financial markets more open to foreign firms, securities sources said. The U.S. has been increasing pressure on Japan to open up this lucrative area, from which it says foreign firms are largely excluded even though Japanese companies have ready access to U.S. financial markets. Japan has recently made moves to allow greater borrowing by the Japanese yen by overseas institutions.

Last month, Suzuki also proposed to implement tariff cuts scheduled for 1983 and 1984 from April and remove a number of non-tariff barriers in efforts to ease relations with the West.

But the moves were met with only guarded approval by the U.S. and the EEC, which are waiting to see more concrete action by Japan.

The EEC Commission calculated that these measures would only increase trade with Japan by about one percent.

After trade talks with Japan's Western partners in Florida last weekend Japanese Trade and Industry Minister Shintaro Abe pledged drastic action before the end of January to reduce non-tariff barriers.

The U.S. and West Europe are particularly concerned about the barriers, which they say have unfairly kept their products out of Japan's markets while its exports have been rising fast to their countries.

France to sign two gas deals

PARIS, Jan. 22 (R) — France, heavily dependent on imported oil and gas, is on the verge of tying up gas supply contracts with the Soviet Union and Algeria which would provide 10 percent of its energy needs by 1990, industry sources said Friday.

The two deals, roughly doubling France's gas purchases from the two countries by 1984, have been hammered out against a background of political controversy and have involved intervention by President Francois Mitterrand.

Negotiators from the Soviet Union and the State utility Gaz de France (GDF) were Friday winding up a week's talks on the contract for France's share in supplies to Western Europe from the planned 5,000 kms. Siberian pipeline. The sources said the chances of an agreement on the final sticking point, the price, were better than ever, although an accord might not be immediately announced because of the charged political background.

President Reagan has called on Western Europe to reconsider its participation in the giant pipeline scheme, arguing that this could create a strategically dangerous energy dependence on Moscow. After the military crackdown in Poland and the U.S. sanctions against Moscow, French ministers considered reducing France's gas purchases from the projected eight billion cubic meters per year after 1984, political sources said.

Gas oil trading scales new high

LONDON, Jan. 22 (R) — The world oil glut and consequent lower prices has led to an upsurge of trading in gas oil, used mainly for heating, on London's new international petroleum exchange.

Trading hit a record level Thursday and prices fell by \$3 a ton Friday morning, attracting continuing heavy interest from buyers, traders said. In the first hour of trading 650 lots of 1,000 tons were sold, compared with 700 Thursday when a record 3,296 lots were traded during the day. The recent daily average is around 1,500 lots and the previous record of 2,714 lots was established in October.

to Tokyo to urge Japan to make its financial markets more open to foreign firms, securities sources said. The U.S. has been increasing pressure on Japan to open up this lucrative area, from which it says foreign firms are largely excluded even though Japanese companies have ready access to U.S. financial markets. Japan has recently made moves to allow greater borrowing by the Japanese yen by overseas institutions.

Last month, Suzuki also proposed to implement tariff cuts scheduled for 1983 and 1984 from April and remove a number of non-tariff barriers in efforts to ease relations with the West.

But the moves were met with only guarded approval by the U.S. and the EEC, which are waiting to see more concrete action by Japan.

The EEC Commission calculated that these measures would only increase trade with Japan by about one percent.

After trade talks with Japan's Western partners in Florida last weekend Japanese Trade and Industry Minister Shintaro Abe pledged drastic action before the end of January to reduce non-tariff barriers.

The U.S. and West Europe are particularly concerned about the barriers, which they say have unfairly kept their products out of Japan's markets while its exports have been rising fast to their countries.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 8:00 p.m. Thursday		
	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.00	9.00
Bangladesh Taka	—	14.85
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	287.00
Canadian Dollar	149.15	148.95
Deutsche Mark (100)	136.10	135.95
French Franc (100)	3.50	3.50
Emirate Dirham (100)	93.00	93.15
French Franc (100)	58.75	58.55
Greek Drachma (1,000)	55.50	58.20
Indian Rupee (100)	—	37.40
Israeli Lira (100)	—	—
Irish Punt (10,000)	6.50	6.50
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.25	15.25
Jordanian Dinar	10.05	9.95
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.10	12.07
Lebanese Lira (100)	72.75	72.60
Moroccan Dirham (100)	60.50	63.95
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	33.35
Philippine Peso (100)	—	41.75
Pound Sterling	6.51	6.47
Qatari Riyal (100)	94.00	94.05
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	165.55
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	34.60
Swiss Franc (100)	185.70	185.40
Syrian Lira (100)	58.70	63.50
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—
U.S. Dollar	3.429	3.422
Yemeni Riyal (100)	75.00	74.90

Selling Price Buying Price

Gold kg. 41,800 41,650

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BRIEFS

NAIROBI, (AFP) — The Sheraton hotel group is to build a 27-floor \$50 million hotel in Nairobi, Sheraton Vice-President for Asia and Africa Patrick J. Birmingham has announced here. During a courtesy call on Nairobi Mayor Nathan Kahara Thursday Birmingham said that building work would begin in April.

BERLIN, (AFP) — The Soviet Union hopes to complete the Siberia to West Europe gas pipeline ahead of schedule, ready for first deliveries in 1984, Novosti news agency said in an article reaching west Berlin. The agency quoted the minister in charge of the project, Boris Scherbina, as saying that new Soviet pipe-laying equipment being tried out was believed superior to imported equipment in terms of efficiency.

ROME, (AP) — The International Fund for Agricultural Development voted Friday to make Rome its permanent home, rejecting proposed alternatives Turkey, Kenya, Indonesia and Upper Volta in two days of balloting. The United Nations specialized agency was founded in December, 1977 with offices in Rome, but the location of the headquarters had been temporary until now.

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Three Americans will sit on the eight-man managing committee of the World Bank, set up by its new president, A.W. Clausen, according to an announcement made Thursday. The managing committee, which meets weekly, was set up last July 27 — less than two months after Clausen took over from Robert S. McNamara. Its membership was not announced.

PARIS, (AFP) — A production and marketing agreement was announced Thursday between Num, the top French firm in numerical control systems and the Eldecma division of Snecma, which makes machine-tools for aircraft production.

SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Authority	Description	Tender Number	Tender Price	Closing Date
Dammam Municipality	Creation of three gardens	95/10/11	2,000	25-1-82
Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs	Establishment of a library and an exhibition at Qatif social service center	—	300	24-1-82
Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs	Construction of a headquarters for Jizan's social security department	—	5,000	—
Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs	Construction of a 200 cubic meter underground reservoir as part of Qalwah water network project	83	200	13-2-82

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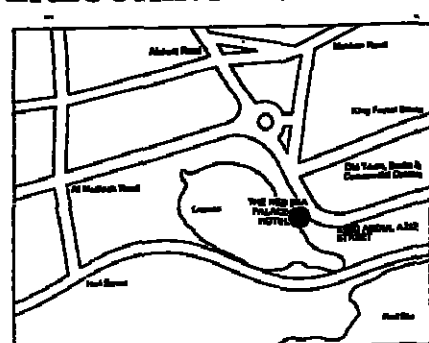
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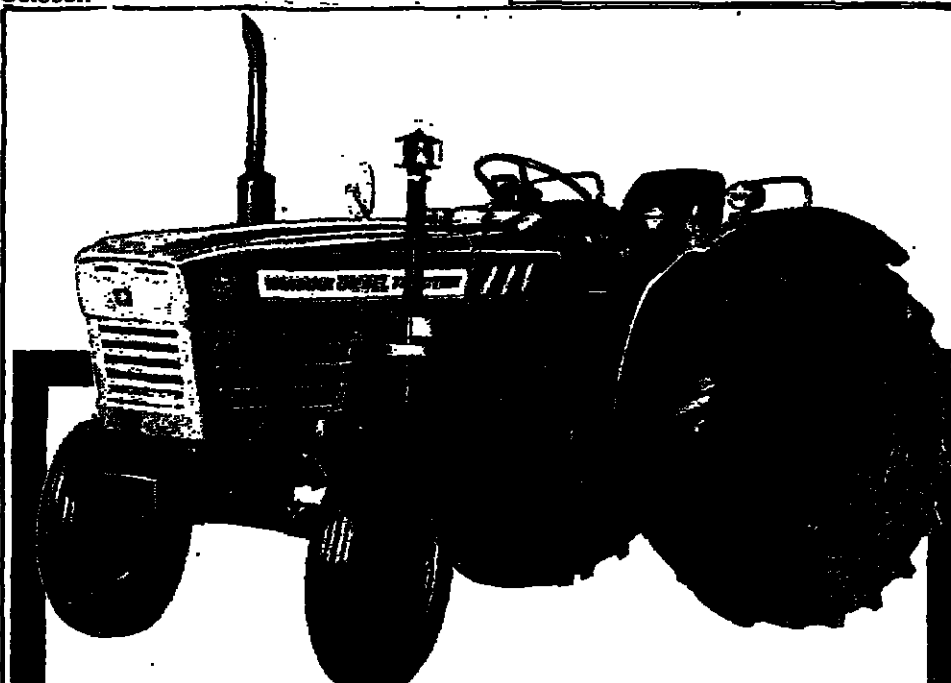
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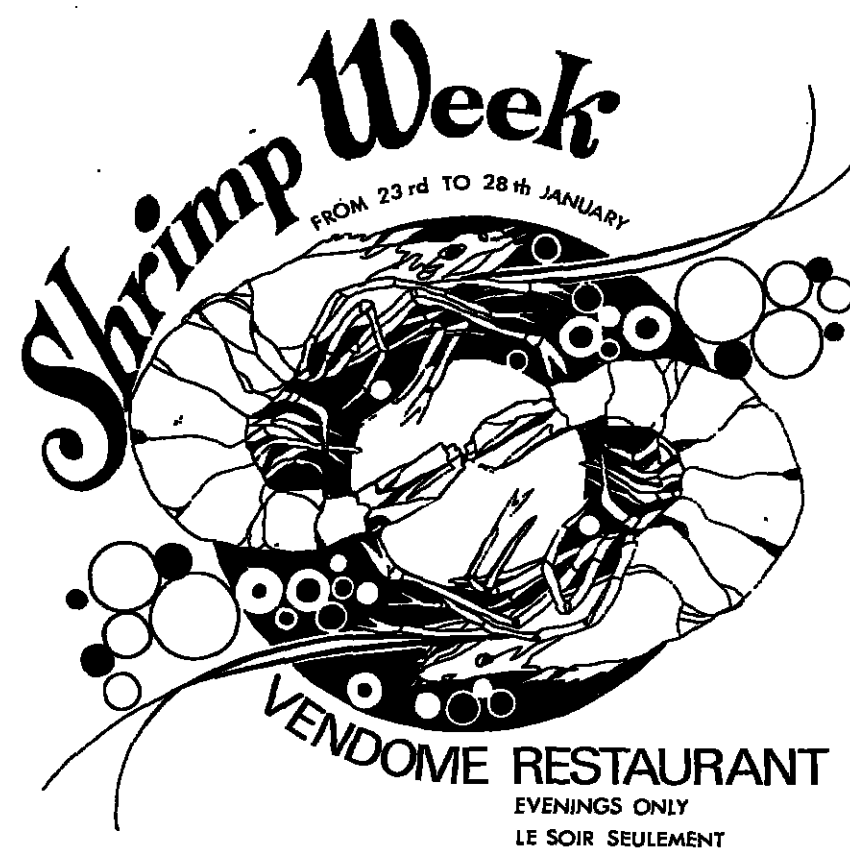
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SAUDI ARABIA	DUBAI Channel 10	QATAR
9:00 Quran	9:00 Quran	1:00 Quran
9:15 Cartoons	9:15 Religious Talk	1:15 Religious Program
10:15 Children's Songs	9:30 Cartoons	1:30 Cartoons
10:20 The Developing Mind	10:00 Nijja Bartles Golden Eagle	2:00 Children's Series
10:50 Arabic Series	10:30 Children's Series	2:30 Sports
12:00 For eign Series	10:50 Local News	4:00 Sports
12:40 Arabic Series	11:00 Arabic Series	5:00 Daily Arabic Series
1:00 Close News	11:30 Local News	6:00 Arabic News
(Evening Period)	11:50 Arabic Series	6:15 Pathfinders
5:00 Quran	12:00 World News	7:00 Sports
5:15 Local Arabic News	12:35 Soap and Program - Preview	7:25 Daily Arabic Series
6:30 The Quran School	1:00 Arabic Film	8:30 Arabic News
7:10 It is a Small World Play	1:30 Arabic Series	9:00 Broadcasting and Television
7:45 English News	1:50 Arabic Film	10:00 English News
8:00 Foreign Play/Dr. Wilby	2:00 Quran	10:20 Varieties Arabic Play
9:30 Arabic News	2:10 Cartoons	
Program Preview	2:30 Mark and Mandy	
Arabic Series	2:50 Alie Sam and Jones	
Arabic Weekly Series	3:00 Local News	
	3:05 Religious	
	3:20 Student's Program	
	3:40 Adult Education	
	4:00 Sports	
	4:15 Religious Program	
	4:30 Soap	
	4:45 Arabic Film Series	
	5:00 Fob Series	
	5:30 Arabic News	
	5:45 Cultural Series	
	6:00 Arabic Local News	
	6:15 English News	
	6:30 Arabic Film	
	6:45 Arabic Film	
	7:00 Quran	
	7:05 Cartoons	
	7:30 Man and Jenny	
	8:00 News	
	8:15 The Main Chance	
	9:00 International Zone	
	9:30 Film	

Crossword
by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 38 Whole
1 Singer
5 Plant louse
10 Lamb's
soubriquet
11 Horseshoe
throw
13 Counter-
tenor
14 Deport
oneself
15 Final
16 German
article
17 Fraternity
—
18 Unseen
assassins
20 Radiation
unit
21 Without
the chaser
22 Apportion
23 Initiated
25 Bishop's
headress
26 All wound
up in
27 Religious
body
28 Do badly
29 Meandered
32 Compass
heading
33 Digit
34 Apiece
35 "Third Man
Theme"
instrument
37 Italian city

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1 Judge Roy
and Orson
2 Gracie or
Mel
3 In clover
4 Saint (Port.)
5 Einstein
was one
6 Glances
7 Is that so?
8 Behind the
eightball

Yesterday's Answer
9 Digress
12 Execute
16 Jimmy
or James
19 Turf
22 Isinglass
23 Zephyr
24 Gaining
by labor
25 Bare
27 Reserves
29 Unyielding
30 Unearthly
31 Paint
ingredient
36 That man
37 Laurel
tree

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ZGQKCBKX CBVH BL KGC LG
BYRGWCFC FL YFUBKX CBVH
ZGQKC. — SFYHL S. MFAUHW
Yesterday's Cryptquote: WHEN A MAN IMAGINES, EVEN AFTER YEARS OF STRIVING, THAT HE HAS ATTAINED PERFECTION, HIS DECLINE BEGINS. —THEODORE MARTIN

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North dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♦72
♥QJ2
♦AK864
♠A63

EAST
♦KQJ985
♥105
♦J72
♠Q4

SOUTH
♦A106
♥AK9
♦1053
♠K1075

The bidding:
North East South West
10 1♣ 2NT Pass
3NT

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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake
FOR SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 1982

ARIES
(Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
Introductions to new friends brighten your day, yet there could be some difficulties with close ties. Accept responsibility.

TAURUS
(Apr. 20 to May 20)
You'll get some good advice, yet may be hesitant to act on it. Unexpected career developments are fortunate. Be receptive to change.

GEMINI
(May 21 to June 20)
Don't disregard the feelings of others or you'll hear about it later. Think positively and don't let financial concerns vex you.

CANCER
(June 21 to July 22)
Family problems may concern you now, but a new work or investment opportunity should excite you. Take the good with the bad.

LEO
(July 23 to Aug. 22)
Anger could depress you, if you let it. Close ties prepare a

Virgo
(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
Avoid impulse buying, or you may find yourself short of funds. Freelancers net fine new accounts. Act on your original ideas.

Libra
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
You may be aggravated with a family member, but don't force issues. Unexpected news pleases you. Chance encounters are likely.

Scorpio
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Be straightforward with others. Behind-the-scenes moves aren't favored now. A shopping trip leads to an unexpected bargain.

Sagittarius
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
It's a poor time to loan or borrow money. A friend's indifference could upset you, but travel plans should prove stimulating.

Capricorn
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
Higher-ups should be handled with kid gloves. Career plans may not develop as quickly as you'd like them to. A shopping trip is rewarding.

Aquarius
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
Fight off a tendency to withdraw into yourself. Accept an invitation to visit friends. A planned party will do much to pick you up.

Pisces
(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
It's a poor time to raise capital, but you can work in private towards career advancement. Take a friend into your confidence.

Radio Jeddah
Time: Saturday
9:00 Quran
9:15 Holy Quran
9:30 Program Review
9:45 Quran of Guidance
10:12 Light Music
10:15 On Islam
10:25 A Chat & A Song
10:35 Light Music
10:40 The News
10:50 Press Review
11:05 Reflections on Fasting
11:20 Islamic Activities in Focus
11:30 Light Music
11:35 Sports At Anchor
11:45 Light Music
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12:00 Chocdown
Evening Transmission
Time: Saturday
8:00 Quran
8:15 Holy Quran
8:30 Quran of Guidance
8:45 Light Music
8:55 Reflections of Fasting
9:00 Pot Pourri
9:15 The News
9:30 & Chronicle
9:45 Life in Ramadan
9:50 A Last From Life's Notebook
10:05 The World Today
10:10 On Islam
10:20 Short Story
10:30 Music Machine
11:10 Melody Time
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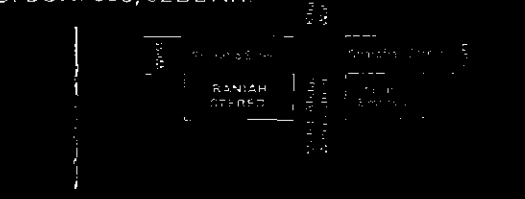


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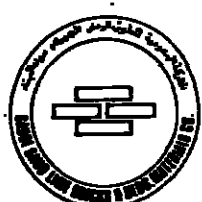
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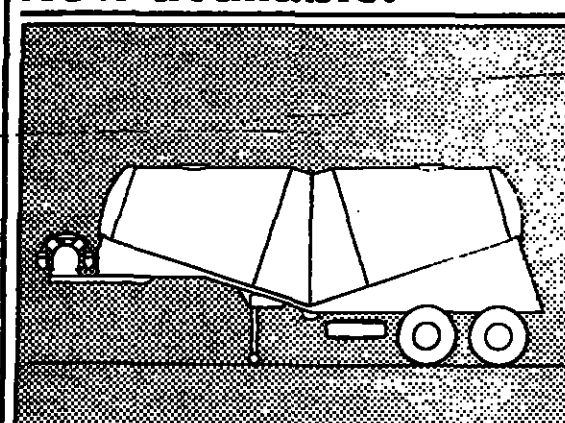
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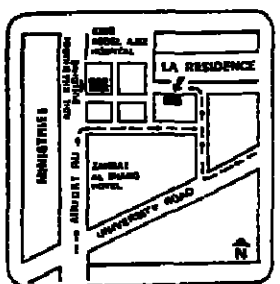
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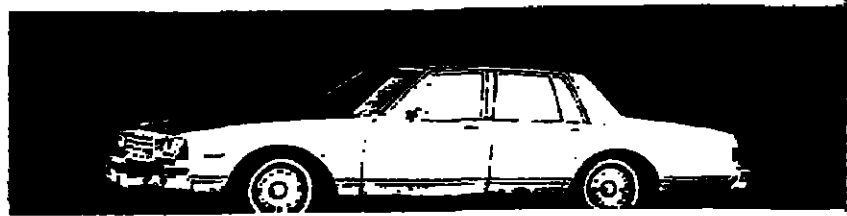
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Supplies hit by sanctions

Polish internment to continue

WARSAW, Jan. 22 (Agencies) — Poland's martial law government said Friday that internment of people the authorities believe endanger the state will continue in "specially justified cases." The statement came as the nation's bishops strongly urged an end to internment and other regime pressures they said were fueling "hatred and revenge" and the danger of civil war.

Deputy Interior Minister Boguslaw Stachura said in an interview with the morning daily *Zycie Warszawy* that some 4,900 persons out of about 5,500 originally interned under martial law were still being held. "In specially justified cases, there can be further internment of persons endangering the state or public order," Stachura said.

Stachura also said the 13,401 warning talks were held with Poles, and that only 746, or 5.5 percent, had refused to sign declarations on halting activities deemed contrary to martial law. The interview indicated the authorities were still concerned about possible resistance, or organizing by some activists of the now-suspended independent union Solidarity.

Union sources say that Solidarity activists

have launched an underground movement and newspaper in at least one major factory, the Huta Warszawa steel mill, and Polish authorities have said they seized underground Solidarity presses and subversive leaflets in Wroclaw.

The bishops' statement, drafted at a meeting of the Roman Catholic episcopate Tuesday and signed by Archbishop Jozef Glemp, Poland's primate, called for resumption of dialogue with the Communist authorities. The letter also calls for return of the right of workers to "organize themselves in the independent, self-government trade unions and youth in unions convenient for young people."

Poland's official PAP news agency, monitored in Vienna, reported that at least four Solidarity activists were sentenced to 3 1/2 years in jail Thursday for trying to organize a strike at Warsaw's Ursus tractor factory immediately after martial law was imposed in Poland.

Radio Warsaw said a conference of the party central committee's cultural department Thursday discussed what to do about "the problems facing creative workers in the

film industry." Poland's most prominent director, Andrzej Wajda, has already been singled out for criticism by martial law authorities, but he was not mentioned by name in this report.

Meanwhile, the Polish authorities said Friday that economic sanctions imposed by the United States were badly disrupting meat supplies and a leading economist said they could hit Polish living standards harder than anything before.

The Communist Party daily *Trybuna Ludu* said sanctions imposed by President Ronald Reagan after the military crackdown last month had destroyed Poland's poultry industry and would cost the country 250,000 tonnes of meat a year.

The newspaper contrasted the reaction of Poland's "false friends" with aid received by Poland from its Soviet Bloc allies. In what appeared to be part of a campaign to put the West in an unfavorable light in comparison with its Communist neighbors, the newspaper attacked the West for interfering in Polish affairs and breaking agreements.

In another newspaper an economist said the sanctions could last a long time because they were dictated by American policy toward the Soviet Union. Professor Czeslaw Bobrowski was quoted by the newspaper *Rzeczpospolita* as saying he did not believe the U.S. cutoff of credit guarantees for grain deliveries would last long.

Poland intends to downgrade its economic dependence on the West and expand trade with other Communist countries and with developing states as a result of U.S. sanctions, a government minister said Thursday. Deputy Foreign Trade Minister Antoni Karas, quoted by the official news agency PAP, said Washington's sanctions would hit directly at ordinary Poles.

"Sanctions imposed by President Reagan will soon bear a negative impact on the Polish economy and living standards of the nation," he said. The suspension of credits and eventually of food deliveries would mean fewer goods on Polish tables, "which are already modestly stocked," said Karas.

5 Italians held for attempting to kill lawyer

NUORO, Sardinia Jan. 22 (Agencies) — Police in this isolated island town Friday arrested five persons allegedly involved in shooting a lawyer who reportedly acted as a mediator with terrorists during the 1978 kidnapping of former Premier Aldo Moro. The lawyer, Giannino Guiso, defended Red Brigades founder Renato Curcio.

Guiso was shot in the arm Dec. 5 last year as he and his wife Anna stepped out of his car here. Police said they believed Guiso may have been shot in a terrorist vendetta. Police named the five suspects as: Mauro Monni, aged 24, his brother Niccolo, 26, Giovanni Stara, 25, Salvatore Carta, 24, and Emilia Chessa, 28. They were identified as residents of Orune, a small town 30 kms from Nuoro. The thinly-populated area has long been favored as a hideout by bandits and kidnap gangs.

A state prosecutor charged Mauro and Niccolo Monni with attempted murder and charged the three other suspects with giving false testimony, police said. Guiso represented Curcio in a 1978 trial in Turin while his terrorist companions held Moro captive. He was reported to act as a go-between for the Italian government and Moro's captors. All mediation efforts failed, and Moro was found dead on a Rome street after 54 days in captivity.

Meanwhile, two wide police dragnets were put into operation during Thursday night and Friday morning following a shootout between police and terrorists some 100 kms north of Rome and the abduction of the director of a private clinic Thursday evening. The five terrorists, three of them women, are believed to belong to the Prima Linea (first line) group, suspected of robbing a Siena bank Thursday afternoon. One of the women is thought to be Susanna Ronconi, a Prima Linea terrorist who escaped from Rovigo Prison with three others in a daring operation Jan. 3.

Railmen's strike hits U.K. again

LONDON, Jan. 22 (AP) — The commuter rush into London was snarled again Friday when rebel conductors staged a wildcat walk-out on British rail trains the day after an official two-day strike ended. Auto clubs reported traffic buildups on approaches to London from southern countries worst hit by the walkout.

The conductors, members of the National Union of Railwaymen, closed seven depots in the southern region at midnight Thursday despite a plea from union leader Sidney Weighell for them to work normally. Train drivers also closed one London rail station in a separate protest over a newspaper article alleging union members spent time enjoying themselves when they supposed to be at work.

Over 50,000 unionists reportedly held in India

NEW DELHI, Jan. 22 (AP) — Thousands of trade unionists and opposition politicians were reported still in detention Friday, three days after their 24-hour strike caused a scattered shutdown of factories, offices and stores across India.

The death toll, meanwhile, in police shootings and clashes between supporters and opponents of the strike call Tuesday rose to 16. Two more deaths were reported from the Marxist-ruled state of West Bengal, which was crippled by the strike. Two Communist strikers were reported killed by police fire at Mondikunta in Andhra Pradesh state.

Former Information Minister L.K. Advani of the opposition Bharatiya Janata (Indian People's) Party said a large number of union activists and opposition politicians who were arrested before and during the nationwide strike had not been freed.

Government spokesman R. Thakral said the Home Affairs Ministry was still receiving reports from various states and did not yet have figures on the number of arrests or those still in jail. Former Industry Minister George

Fernandes and the strike national organizing committee claimed that more than 50,000 activists were "rounded up," starting last weekend.

Meanwhile, the organizing committee announced that its leaders planned to meet International Labor Organization Director-General Francis Blanchard in New Delhi next Wednesday to complain about "curtailment" of union freedoms and the "repressive measures against the working class imposed" by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government.

Blanchard arrives in New Delhi Sunday on a four-day visit to India. Eight opposition-backed labor federations earlier had written to Blanchard urging him to send "a fact-finding mission" to India to study the Labor situation.

Fernandes accused Mrs. Gandhi of being "totally insensitive" to the working class and trying to "crush" the labor movement. He warned of further protests if the government did not enter into negotiations with the unions on major demands.

Japanese to insure golfer's dream

TOKYO, Jan. 22 (AP) — A golfer's dream, the "hole-in-one," can now be insured — to protect the victor from overspending on celebrations that often follow such lucky shots, a Tokyo insurance company says.

Chances of hitting a hole-in-one are estimated at 3,000 to 1, making it an event the celebrant may regret when the bill comes in for the festivities that invariably follow, said Shuhei Seno of Kyoei fire and Marine Insurance Co.

"Since the hole-in-one is such a rare happening, is customary for golfers to celebrate the occasion rather lavishly," Seno said, explaining that many mark their

unforgettable feat by planting a tree on the golf course or throwing a party and handing out costly gifts.

Bills average a total of \$1,327 but some spend as much as \$4,425, Seno said Friday. Those taking out the insurance policy, at an annual rate of about \$8.60 can get up to \$1,327, enough to cover all but the wildest partying.

Seno said proof, bearing signatures of caddies, playing partners and golf club manager must be submitted before any money is paid out.

Golf is one of Japan's most popular sports. There are an estimated 12 million golfers in this nation of 117 million people.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazem

Been to Riyadh and Jeddah recently, where I was glad to notice that some of the old ways still persist amid all the change.

For instance, the collective amnesia which seems to afflict certain members of the immigrant community shows no sign of abating. The specific form this takes is loss of passport once entry into the country is gained.

I asked someone who should know about these things: why not organize a great national search for those thousands upon thousands of lost documents? Some of them at least are sure to be found.

The sour answer was that a search would be useless, since the disease takes such a virulent form that the passport is well and truly and irrevocably lost. Anyway, who would want the old passport with its boring old conditions and restrictions. Why not get a brand new one and start from scratch?

I also took a yellow taxi in Riyadh, and the ride confirmed my faith that modern machinery and modern ways have found their true match in us. The driver used his machine as though it was one of those fabled war-horses praised by the poets of old: "Attacking, retreating, coming and going, all in one move."

He also looked at the traffic lights as so many decorations for the city streets. I protested quoting a venerable saying enjoining caution and preservation of one's life. He answered absently, and somewhat contemptuously, with an even more venerable one enjoining trust in fate no matter what the odds.

As I paid him I thought a short lecture on the use and abuse of traffic lights was in order. He listened, not unmoved. Then explained to me with a wave of the hand that I got it wrong, those funny lights are by the *Khawajas* for the *Khawajas*. It seemed, he said, they can't do without them in their lands. So they put them here for reassurance, that's all.

Translated from *Ashraf Al Awwad*

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Amsterdam	0	32	6	43	cloudy		Manila	19	66	28	82	clear	
Athens	7	45	14	57	cloudy		Mexico City	9	48	27	80	clear	
Bahrain	10	51	17	63	clear		Miami	21	71	24	76	clear	
Bangkok	20	70	30	86	clear		Montreal	-18	0	-18	0	clear	
Beirut	8	44	18	64	clear		Moscow	-8	18	-3	27	cloudy	
Berlin	6	44	18	64	clear		New Delhi	7	44	22	72	clear	
Brussels	-1	31	24	74	cloudy		New York	-8	18	-5	23	snow	
Buenos Aires	17	62	32	90	clear		Nicosia	3	37	15	59	clear	
Cairo	10	50	19	66	clear		Oso	-8	18	-7	19	snow	
Caracas	16	61	28	82	cloudy		Paris	4	39	8	46	cloudy	
Chicago	-6	22	-2	28	cloudy		Rio de Janeiro	19	66	30	86	rain	
Copenhagen	-4	25	-3	27	cloudy		Rome	1	34	12	54	cloudy	
Dublin	4	39	11	52	clear		San Francisco	6	44	10	50	cloudy	
Frankfurt	4	25	3	27	cloudy		Seoul	-5	23	7	45	clear	
Geneva	-1	30	3	37	cloudy		Singapore	23	73	31	88	clear	
Helsinki	0	32	2	36	cloudy		Stockholm	-3	26	-8	17	cloudy	
Hong Kong	17	63	20	68	clear		Sydney	22	72	31	88	clear	
Jakarta	22	72	29	84	rain		Taipei	12	54	23	73	clear	
Kuala Lumpur	22	72	31	88	clear		Tokyo	3	37	13	55	clear	
London	5	41	9	48	cloudy		Toronto	-5	23	-5	23	cloudy	
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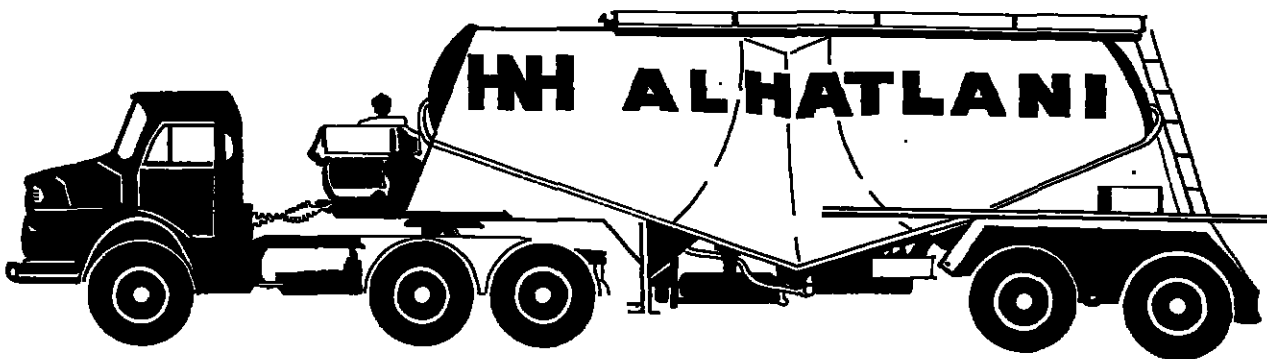
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